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ACTIVITIES OF VIETNAM REDS

Occupation Of Townlets In Kwangtung Reported Link-Up With Chen Keng?

The independent vernacular, "Wah Kiu Yat Po" in a message from Kweilin say that Vietnam Communist units have taken two South Western Kwangtung townlets near the Indo-China border.

The names of the towns were stated to be Shiao Tung and Chang Tan. According to Chinese maps the two places are small market towns near the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border and about 100 miles North East of the Indo-China frontier with South Kwangtung.

Tempest Aircraft Due In HK

Two formations of Royal Air Force Tempest aircraft will fly from Singapore to Hong Kong to participate in co-ordination flights with ground forces in Hong Kong for a week.

The formations, under the command of Squadron Leader A. K. Purse, are earmarked as potential reserves for Hong Kong in an emergency situation.

The first formation will arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday, after an overnight stop in Saigon, and the second flight is to arrive on Friday.

In addition, three Dakota aircraft of the 41 Squadron, Royal New Zealand Air Force, are expected to arrive in Hong Kong today, carrying the advance ground crew for the fighter formations.

The air force officially announced that the aircraft would carry out familiarization flights over local territory, and participate in defence exercises.

The total distance of the flight is 1,350 statute miles.

HMS Belfast Due With Nationalists

Captain E. K. Le Mesurier, MVO, commander of HMS Belfast reported to the Admiralty late last night that a total of 226 passengers, including many women and children whom she has rescued from the Chinese LST Chung Hsin off the Pratas Island, had been taken aboard her and that she is speeding toward Hong Kong waters.

HMS Belfast was expected to have arrived in Junk Bay at daybreak this morning. The passengers, mostly Nationalist soldiers and their families, will then be transferred to the ss. Sing Hing and from her to the ss. Min Chung. The Min Chung will then proceed to the Pratas to pick up the rest of the distressed persons.

Captain Le Mesurier reported that the ill-fated Chung Hsin was anchored close to the South Eastward of Pratas Island.

HMS Belfast on a mercy mission reached the Pratas and sighted the distressed vessel at dawn on Monday.

The two places are also about 50 miles North of Yamchow, Kwangtung port midway between Kwongchow and Indo-China.

The newspaper in its reports from Kweilin said that the Vietnam Communist force is apparently attempting to link up with Communist General Chen Keng's forces driving across South China to the Luli-chow Peninsula.

Other Chinese press messages said that a considerable Vietnam Communist force totalling more than 5,000 men has been attacking a number of small towns on the Indo-China-Kwangsi-Kwangtung borders.

The object of the thrusts from Indo-China, it was added, is to link up with Chinese Communist guerrillas in the two provinces.

It has been known for some time that Dr. Ho Chi Minh's Vietnam Communist units are active along the borders of the two Chinese provinces.

Some independent Chinese circles in Hong Kong believe that the sudden publicity given to these expeditions in the Chinese press may have been inspired by certain Nationalist agitators to speed military aid from the United States.

Meanwhile, the anti-Nationalist vernacular "Ta Kung Pao" reported yesterday that two more Nationalist submarines have gone over to the Chinese Communist regime.

The newspaper said that the gunboats, Hai Chieh and Hai Chow, anchored near Macao have wireless messages to the People's Central Government and the Canton Government of their separation from the Nationalist Navy.

The same journal reported that a Nationalist bomber, a C-47 was forced down by Communist anti-aircraft fire near Changchow, midway between Shanghai and Nanking.

Reform Club's Committee On Civil Liberties

A committee on civil liberties has been set up by the Hong Kong Reform Club to investigate complaints from various sections of the community that their civil liberties had been infringed, and in due course a report will be published as to whether these complaints are justified or not.

This statement was made by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, Chairman of the Hong Kong Reform Club, at a Press conference yesterday.

Mr. Bernacchi said at the outset that he wished to dispel the impression which has been created as a result of criticisms in the Press and by individuals that the Reform Club has been doing nothing lately. This is far from being true, he said.

The Reform Club has in fact been working on a programme to fight the anticipated elections next year on the new constitution, details of which will be placed before the public soon.

While plans for fighting the elections were being made, the Club had received complaints from various sections of the community that there has been infringement of their liberties as citizens of the Colony. Accordingly a committee has been set up to investigate these complaints composed of Mr. T. A. Martin, Dr. Raymond Lee, Mr. Li Kai-tai and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi.

This committee will hear complaints from any member of the community as to how their civil liberties have been infringed, and if these complaints are found to be justified, representations will

be made to Government. On the other hand, if there is no ground for these complaints, the committee will not hesitate to say so.

Safeguarding of the civil rights of citizens is by no means new, said Mr. Bernacchi, and considerable time has been spent in England to ensure that the constitutional rights of the people are respected.

In Hong Kong the one handicap is that people will not come forward to lodge their complaints, said Mr. Bernacchi, and without support and co-operation from the public, no body, no matter how well intentioned, can achieve much.

Mr. Bernacchi also revealed that the Reform Club had been approached by the Committee set up by Government to enquire into Chinese laws and customs with a view to making revisions thereto as applying to this Colony. The matter has been under consideration by Mr. P. C. Woo, a member of the committee, and his views on the question will in due course be announced.

"The Reform Club of Hong Kong is far from dead, in fact it is very active, though its activities have not been publicised, and we are going to make ourselves an active institution of this Colony," said Mr. Bernacchi.

The aircraft made a crash landing but the eight crew were not injured. They have been interned at Changchow. It was added that the bomber was flying to attack targets at Nanking.

The agreement reached on New Guinea. The Hague, November 1. After an all-night session, the Steering Committee of the round-table conference on the future of Indonesia today reached agreement on the status of New Guinea—the last outstanding difference between the Dutch and Indonesian delegations.

No details of the new plan were officially available. The agreement on New Guinea ended a crisis which had been developing for the past few days and which yesterday led some observers to forecast the failure of the conference, with the resignations of the Ministers involved.

When the Committee adjourned after 4.30 a.m. until this afternoon, only a few final points on regulations for the transitional period before sovereignty in Indonesia passes to the United States of Indonesia remained to be settled.

These were to be dealt with when the Committee met this afternoon. The Committee discussed some of the final points before it adjourned.

It was later learned that the amendment to the New Guinea compromise proposal did not alter the maximum period of one year during which it was suggested, the island should remain under Dutch sovereignty.

The change also appeared to have included a provision that any effort should be made to settle New Guinea's ultimate status as quickly as possible.

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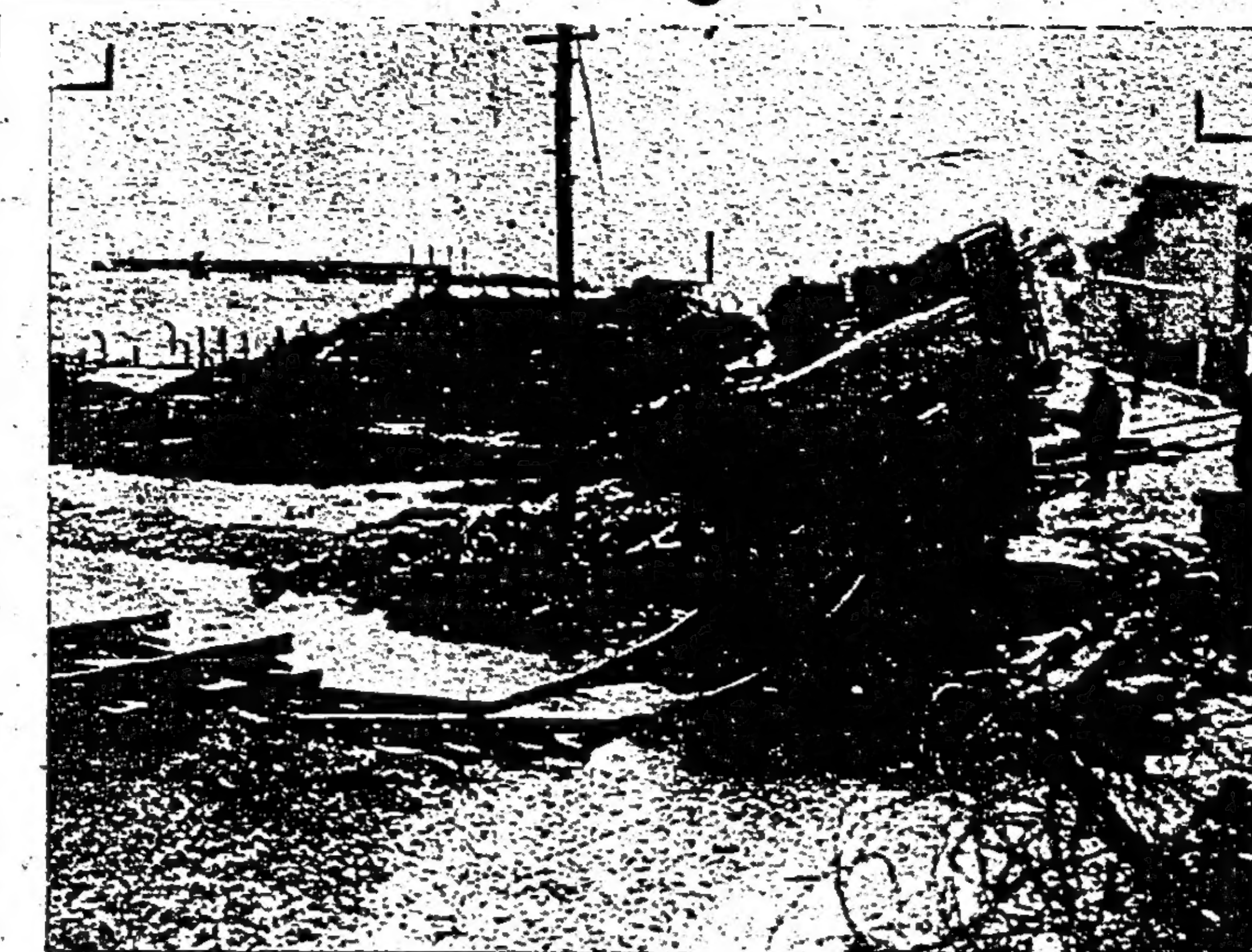
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Fierce Gale Scours English Coast



England's South Coast shivered in a 60 miles per hour gale while high seas crashed about the quays of small fishing villages and swamped the promenades of several resorts last week. Heavy rain, intermittent over the past four days, flooded houses in seaside areas and caused railroad lines to sag through undermining. British railway's cross channel ferry service folded completely because of the fiercest channel weather for years. London had a 10 per cent power cut and many phone lines were out of action. Photo shows Saddlebank shunting engine listing fortormly on undermined line at Weymouth, Dorset. The driver and fireman escaped uninjured.—AP Photo.

Reynolds To Whirl Through Hong Kong

Los Angeles, November 1. Pen-maker Milton Reynolds is in the air today in quest of a new round-the-world record—this one via scheduled airliners.

The Chicago manufacturer, whose hobby is globe circling, took off from the Los Angeles International airport last night on a Constellation bound for New York. There he will have a five-minute layover at La Guardia field before hopping into a Pan American Clipper for Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Manila, Guam, Midway, Honolulu and Los Angeles.

Reynolds' itinerary calls for 23 hours on the ground and 90 hours in flight. His longest stop-over will be at Hong Kong—five hours and 55 minutes.

He hopes to be back here on Saturday morning after four days and 23 hours of globe circling.

That is a little slower than his 1947 global flight. Then he sponsored the late Bill Odom's record-breaking trip of 78 hours, 35 minutes and 30 seconds in a record-breaking bomber. Reynolds was navigator on that trip.

Eddie Egan, New York State boxing commissioner, is the current holder of the airliner mark. He made the trip last year—some 30 hours slower than Reynolds' hoped-for schedule. Egan spent 39 hours 50 minutes on the ground and 107 hours 25 minutes in flight.—Associated Press.

Consideration Of Treaty For Japan?

London, November 1. The foreign Office said today the question of the Japanese peace treaty was under active consideration, and that the British government was anxious for its early completion.

The spokesman said the question was discussed by the foreign minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, during the Washington talks.

The spokesman said: "Our desire to have a treaty made urgently was made public in Washington at the time."

In New York, the "New York Times" reported, James Reston in a Washington dispatch, said today the United States and Britain have decided to reopen the question of Japanese peace treaty as quickly as possible.

(In Washington State Department officials declined to comment on Reston's report.)

Reston said also that the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, are understood to have discussed this step recently and to have ordered new and urgent study of the question.—United Press.

Amethyst Reaches Plymouth, Gets Rousing Welcome

Plymouth, November 1. The British naval frigate Amethyst, which ran the gauntlet of Chinese Communist guns in a 140-mile dash down the Yangtze River last July, came home to a great welcome in Plymouth today.

Lieutenant Commander J. S. Kerans, awarded the Distinguished Service Order for directing the vessel's flight after 101 days' detention by the Communists, was on the bridge as Amethyst berthed to the tumultuous greeting of crowds on the quayside, aircraft overhead and other shipping in the harbour.

Crowds on Plymouth Hoe cheered wildly and ships' sirens blared as the little ship, which wrote the latest chapter in the Royal Navy's proud history, steamed up the Sound early this morning and docked under the shadow of the 15-inch guns of the battleship Vanguard.

Lieutenant Commander Kerans performed miracles of navigation to bring the shell-marked frigate safely to open water, capped by his terse and memorable last message: "Have rejoined the Fleet. No damage or casualties. God Save the King."

Greeting The Ship

Among those present to greet the ship were some of the ship's repatriated, wounded, friends and relatives, Viscount Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Fraser, the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Robert Burnett, Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, Alderman Frank Letherby, the Lord Mayor of Plymouth.

Relatives and distinguished visitors went on board. Later this morning, the ship's crew of the frigate were marching through the town to a civic reception, to be followed by a civil luncheon at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel.

Early this afternoon, the heroes of the day were going on leave. Amethyst is to spend several months having a rest at Devonport. Afterwards she will return to the Far East, manned by a fresh crew.

Lord Hall, who led the official party on board the frigate to welcome the ship's company, said: "His Majesty's Ships of the Far East Station have been constant in our minds, for we have been fully conscious of the difficult conditions and the dangers involved in carrying out the

UK EMIGRANTS FOR AUSTRALIA

Canberra, November 1. More than 7,000 British emigrants will sail for Australia in nine ships, in the first three weeks of this month; it was disclosed here today.

In the first six months of 1948 a total of 76,514 emigrants of all nationalities reached Australia—more than went to the rest of the British Commonwealth countries combined.—Reuter.

CANTON FIFTH WHEEL ON RED WAGON

Whatever policy has been prepared or is being mapped out for Canton, there is yet no sign of it being implemented by the Kwangtung People's Government, according to Chinese businessmen who arrived in the Colony yesterday.

The City of Rams is being temporarily left out in the cold; there are no indications how the city is going to fit in the overall pattern of the Communist-dominated People's Central Government.

Shops have been re-opened for business, on orders of the new administration headed by Communist General Yeh Chien-yih, but there is little or no business to do.

Luxury goods have disappeared from the shops. Their sale has not been banned, but shop-keepers are aware that the new regime favours such articles especially if they come from the United States.

The traditional Chinese tea-houses, have also reopened but patrons are few. The people keep away such places because of much publicised austerity policies, as far as eating and entertainment are concerned, of the leaders of the new Government.

No new laws have been promulgated. But gambling is banned by military regulations. Cabarets have reopened but are operating at a loss. Cinemas are packed during the day performance only. Foreign films are still being shown.

Foreign-style clothes, silks and nylons have been discarded by the population for the more simple and sober traditional Chinese costume of rough material.

"Perms" Out

Permanent waves, lipstick, face powder, perfume, hairbrushes and coloured Chinese dresses and hand-bags are today things of the past in Canton.

The modern dresses have been remodelled and dyed into one simple colour. In other instances they have been completely discarded for plain costumes made of Chinese-manufactured drill or cotton.

The city, according to the arrivals, is normal during the day with the streets as crowded as during Nationalist rule.

From dusk onwards the streets are practically deserted as the curfew, officially imposed at 11 p.m., is likely to be enforced at the discretion of the new Garrison authorities—any hour of the day.

One night, a number of people were caught in the streets at the end of a late afternoon cinema performance by a suddenly imposed curfew. They had to spend the night sleeping on the pavement.

Shameen Quiet

Government offices are functioning as before. The former police are still being employed but they have been relieved of arms. For every one former policeman on point duty, there are two armed soldiers of the People's Liberation Army.

The streets are being kept clean and there are reports that plans are being made for building a new city.

STORM NEAR PHILIPPINES

Manila, November 1.

The Philippine Weather Bureau issued a storm advisory, warned that Northern Mindanao, Visayan Islands and Southern Luzon will be strongly affected unless the storm changes its course.

At 2 p.m. November 1, Manila time, a tropical depression, centred 220 miles East South East of Surigao on the North Western tip of Mindanao, had intensified into a tropical storm with maximum winds of 55 miles an hour.

The blow was moving West North West at 13 miles an hour and may accelerate; the bureau said.—Associated Press.

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The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China across the Southern Philippines thence Eastward into the Pacific. Within it the tropical depression is now centred about 600 miles SE of Manila moving WNW at about 10 knots. Pressure remains high in a ridge extending from China across the Eastern Sea and Japan to the Pacific anticyclone.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E. wind, occasionally fresh. Cloudy with scattered rain early, becoming fair during the day.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 76.6 deg. F.
Minimum: 70.9 deg. F.
Sunshine: 2.5 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—1949, 11.1 mm—77.2 in. as against an average of 2072.4 mm—81.6 in.

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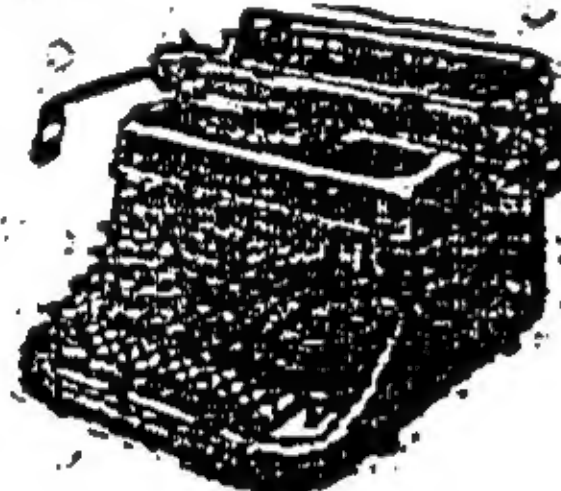
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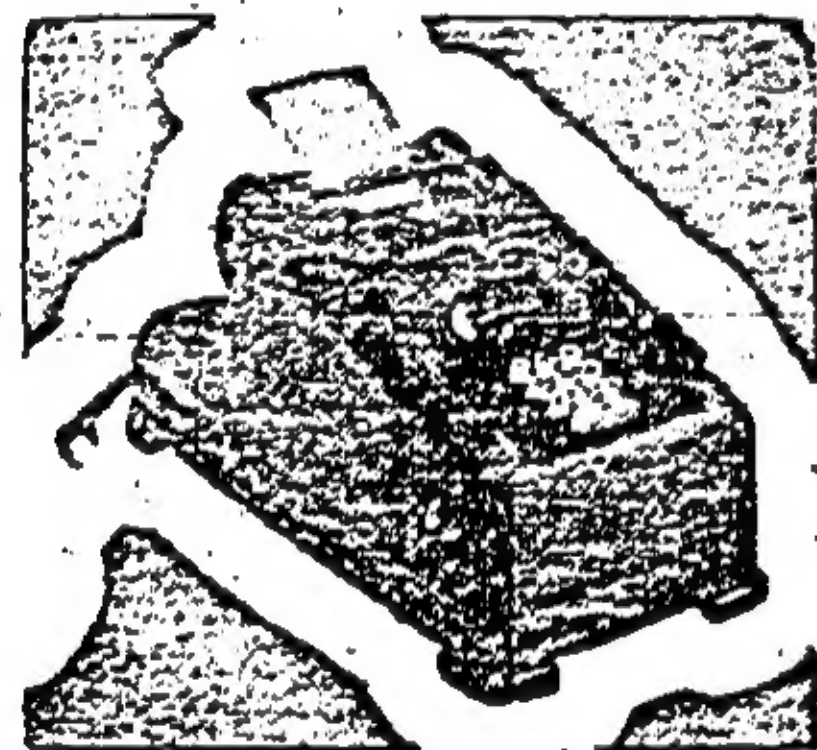
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CONTRACT ACTION AT SUPREME COURT STARTS

An action for a declaration that plaintiff is entitled to refuse 2,198 pounds of English knitting wool from defendant on the grounds that it was not of the quality as represented by shipment samples under contract, commenced yesterday at the Supreme Court.

Suing the Bunge East Asia Agencies, Inc., for alleged breach of contract, the General Trading Company, of Prince's Building, also claims for the return of a \$9,500 deposit, damages and costs of the action.

The Bunge East Asia Agencies, Inc., of Lake Yew Building, on the other hand contend that the plaintiffs had made the breach of contract, and lodge a counter-claim for \$23,382 as damages in wrongfully refusing to accept the goods.

Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, is representing the plaintiffs. The defendants are represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright on the instructions of Mr. G. S. Ford.

Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, is trying the case. The statement of claim alleges that on October 5, 1948, the plaintiffs as purchasers entered into a written contract with the defendants as vendors for the purchase of 2,198 pounds and 10 ounces of "Chief" brand hand knitting wool. About the time of the execution of the contract, the defendants represented to the plaintiffs that the merchandise was being shipped from the United Kingdom to Hong Kong aboard the ss. Eumenes. The defendants also delivered to the plaintiffs some samples of the wool, and promised that the quality of the merchandise corresponded in every respect with quality of the shipment samples.

Defendants Paid

By reason of that representation and the promise, and by reason of the delivery of the samples, the contract is, by usage and custom of merchants in Hong Kong, one for the sale of goods by sample.

Plaintiffs further claim that about the date of the execution of the contract they paid the defendants \$8,500. On the date of the arrival of the ss. Eumenes, they paid \$2,000 more, making altogether \$8,500 as deposit. About October 6, plaintiffs entered into contract with the Kin Wah Knitting Factory, of 9 Yan Chow Street, Shumshuipo, for the resale of the merchandise purchased from the defendants. Plaintiffs represented to the factory that the quality of the goods was the same as the quality of the shipment samples which the plaintiffs thereupon delivered to the factory.

About October 16, the merchandise arrived in Hong Kong. Plaintiffs took delivery of a bale of the wool for the factory to examine the merchandise. The quality of the wool was found to be inferior to the shipment samples. In view of this, the factory refused to accept the wool.

The dispute was later submitted to arbitration, and the arbitrator found that the merchandise was inferior to the shipment samples in appearance, handling, and quality. Plaintiffs accordingly refused to take delivery of the goods or January 3, this year, and claimed repayment of the deposit of \$8,500. Defendants failed to comply with this request for repayment.

Damages Claim

By reason of the failure of defendants to deliver the goods under the contract equal in quality to the shipment samples, it is alleged, the plaintiffs have been unable to perform their contract.

Preliminary Proceedings Of Appeal Heard

Preliminary proceedings were heard yesterday at the Full Appeal Court of an appeal being brought by Jensen and Company, of Pedder Building, against a Supreme Court ruling in connection with revenue matters.

Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, some months ago, in a dispute between the company and the Inland Revenue Department gave his decision in favour of the latter, holding that certain monies held by the company were taxable.

The appeal before Mr. Williams had been by way of a case stated from a determination of a Board of Review given on March 25, 1948, to decide whether that determination was a correct one in point of law and fact.

The Commissioner of Inland Revenue had previously decided in his determination that the company was liable to tax on the firm's profits. The effect of the Board of Review's decision was to exclude a sum of \$28,991.87 from the taxable profits.

The Board, in reaching favour of Jensen and Company was of the opinion that the sum in question was derived from an appreciation of U.S. Dollars balance, and not a profit arising from the sale of goods. The Board therefore held that the amount was not assessable to profits tax, and directed the assessment to be repaid accordingly.

Mr. Williams in the appeal brought before him by the Inland

Revenue Commissioner ruled against the company, and held that the sum was taxable.

Draft Statement

Mr. John McNeill, who appeared for the company in the previous appeal, represented them again yesterday instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, for the Crown assisted by Mr. C. W. Norris, Acting Commissioner of Inland Revenue. The Full Court comprised Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Goffe, Puisne Judge.

The appeal by Jensen and Company is that the judgment of Mr. Williams is reversed and that it may be ordered that the case stated be sent back to the Board of Review for amendment.

The appeal is, further, by the business profits tax assessment for the year 1948 and 1949 be reduced.

Mr. D. Pearson, Messrs. A. T. Welch, E. A. Ford, L. H. Brown, J. Hall and Tam Tung-shing left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Story In Pictures



Modern refuse collecting vans are now in use in Hong Kong. The Colony certainly needs them. It is officially estimated that some 646 tons of refuse would accumulate in the Colony's households if the services of these vans were paralysed. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Personalia

Mr. J. G. C. Moller, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slotemaker and Mr. and Mrs. Go Shing-kiem left Hong Kong for Batavia yesterday by ss. Tjitalongka.

Mr. John James Cameron, MBE, will speak on "The Manufacture of Cement" at Thursday's weekly luncheon of the Kowloon Rotary Club.

Among the passengers who left for Singapore yesterday by BOAC were Mr. J. J. King, Mr. J. I. Scott, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. P. D. Bahe, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Tar Kah-pin and Mrs. Soh Sim Zee-pang.

Mr. R. H. Meghdhi left Hong Kong for Calcutta yesterday by BOAC.

Departures for Bangkok by BOAC yesterday included Miss H. Palmer, Messrs. Foster, A. M. Scrimgeour, P. N. Kamani, and F. Taylor.

Mr. L. P. Stack left for Seoul yesterday by BOAC.

Departures for Yokohama by BOAC yesterday included Miss G. A. Parent, Messrs. H. Pau, Abdul Haque, E. Pond, O. C. Cochrane, Mya Thwin, T. H. Loach, O. King Lim, and Chin Sick-lee.

Among the passengers who left for Cebu yesterday by Bangkok, Singapore, and Rangoon were Capt. A. L. Juddkins, Capt. N. N. Forte, Capt. B. R. Williams, Capt. J. Maupin, Capt. O. R. Olsen, Capt. J. Krogh-Moe, Dr. J. Fonseca, D. P. Allen, R. M. Bjorhove, Miss Ho Ole-chin, Mrs. Liu Hoi-chu, Liu Chen Yiu-yin and Tsing Chi.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. and Mrs. E. Gleza, Mrs. H. L. Bryan, Mrs. E. T. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crank, Miss J. Biggs, Mrs. R. Wolf, Messrs. G. Thompson, G. E. Shingledecker, K. E. Mitchell, A. L. Young, I. M. Gordon-Williams, U. Pe, H. M. Binks, and S. Cahn.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mrs. B. Tam, Mrs. B. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Testras, Miss B. Glenn, Miss E. Perry, Miss C. Brooks, Miss J. Hale, Miss M. Mullins, Miss L. Yurner, Messrs. Belcher, A. M. Scrimgeour, S. Sayed, L. P. Jerge and Dr. J. Ferreira de Fonseca.

DIVIDEND PROPOSED

To the general meeting of shareholders of the Netherlands Trading Society to be held at Amsterdam during this month it will be proposed to declare a dividend of seven percent for the year 1948. A proposal will be submitted to appoint Mr. K. F. Zeeman and Mr. H. W. A. van den Wall Bate as Managing Directors as from January 1, 1950.

CASTING MEETING

The Garrison Players will hold a casting meeting for their forthcoming radio production, "The Body Snatchers," by R. L. Stevenson in the Seamen's Mission at 8 p.m. Monday, November 7.

The cast required is nine men plus effects and control panel. All ranks are cordially invited to attend.

by a sum of \$3,899. 06s are also asked for.

Mr. McNeill yesterday forwarded to the Court a draft statement of facts to be agreed upon and which he said, would form part of the case stated, as a supplement. This was agreed upon by Mr. Hooton.

Sir Leslie said he was satisfied that the additional matters ought to be cleared up. The Court was satisfied that it had the power to direct that certain agreed facts be treated as part of the case stated.

Hearing was then adjourned until November 4 at 9.45 a.m.

HK Refuse Clearers Have Quite A Job

If Hong Kong and Kowloon were left unkept for 24 hours, there would be an accumulation of about 646 tons of refuse, inside households and 57 tons on the streets.

Charged with the duty of clearing this refuse and sweeping the streets of the Colony clean, 28 refuse lorries of the Urban Council, 18 in Hong Kong and 10 in Kowloon, make the rounds of the city.

They do this two or three times a day, day in and day out, throughout the year, to collect this refuse and take it to the dumps.

Robbery At Shamshuipo

Chan Pui, 73-year-old widow, and three other women living in hut No. 8 of Pok Tin Village, Shamshuipo, were robbed of money, jewellery and other valuables to the amount of \$6,700 by three armed men last night.

The three men, all armed with revolvers, entered the hut at 7.30 p.m. and ransacked the dwelling while the women watched helplessly. The loot consisted of \$6,000 in cash while the rest was made up of jewellery.

The police threw out a dragnet for the armed men shortly after the robbery was reported. Up to 9.30 p.m. the police were still watching all roads leading out of Shamshuipo. Passengers aboard buses were searched.

No arrests were reported up to late last night.

IDrives Car Without Licence

Charged on two counts of using a private car for hire and driving the car without the permission of its owner, Sing Quong-wing, of 5 Gap Road, was fined a total of \$350 or two months imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Grem told the Court that on Monday evening Sub-Inspector Ip Man was walking down Jordan Road in civilian clothes toward the car park where his car, No. HK576, was parked. Inspector Ip saw defendant open the door of his car and asked him whether he wanted a taxi and where he was going.

The police officer then asked him much it cost to go to Waterloo Road. Defendant replied that it would be the same as a taxi.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and he is not necessarily agreed with them.

CRA Statement

Sir—With reference to your publication of yesterday morning of our draft on the return of normalcy between Hong Kong and Canton, there was inadvertently left out the following paragraph which I shall be glad if you will insert in your next issue.

"That the British Commonwealth of Nations extend recognition, de facto, immediately, and de jure as soon as practicable, to the Chinese People's Government and Peking."

"That the Hong Kong Government make a declaration of good neighbour policy and the competent authority at Canton reciprocate this gesture."

"That the negotiations be initiated to take place at Canton to arrive at a trade agreement on a basis of equality for the equitable exchange of food and raw material on the one hand and manufactured and semi-manufactured products and capital goods on the other."

"That negotiations in respect to the New Territory be initiated on the spot at the City of Kowloon on the basis of the principles enunciated in the Treaty of Friendship of 1943."

"That all pending questions relating specifically to the Colony of Hong Kong be made a subject of an amicable settlement at an early date through the highest diplomatic channels, and in the meantime efforts be exerted to preserve at all times conducive to such settlement."

MA MAN-FAI,
Hon. Gen. Secretary,
Chinese Reform
Association.

Meeting On Elections In Macao

Macao, November 1.

As the campaign for next month's elections of Parliament Deputies began in Portugal and in Portuguese Colonies, a meeting was held here on Sunday, at the Municipal Council, Loyal Senate, by the Macao National Union.

Mr. Acacio A. Salgado, President of the National Union here, presided at the meeting which was attended by a large number of people.

Mr. Antonio Maria da Silva, candidate to the National Assembly, nominated by the National Union, was introduced by the President.

As there will not be a second candidate for the Opposition here, Mr. da Silva will be the only candidate to be elected by the electorate of Macao.

The Macao electorate, elected Lt. Col. Alvaro Fontoura, also a National Union candidate, during the four previous elections. Mr. A. M. da Silva said he is sure that a Macao-born deputy can do much more for Macao than any other not born in Macao. He promised that he will always try his best to bring the best to Macao and to the Macao people.

Mr. da Silva was born in Macao. When he completed his Sinop-Portuguese interpreter course he came Chief of the Chinese Affairs Department here.

In Shanghai, in 1926, he acted as the Portuguese Consul's principal translator and later became the Portuguese Vice-Consul. He was also the Acting Consul once. He was also once the President of the International Court at Shanghai.

As a lawyer, Mr. A. M. da Silva practiced here. He is a member of the Municipal Legislative Council in Macao.

In 1947 he went to Rome, as the Chief of the Macao Delegation to the canonisation of the Portuguese Saint Joao de Brito. Our Own Correspondent.

Literary Group Of Club Is Revived

The Literary Group of the Sino-British Club was revived last month with the election of Mr. Chan Kwan-po (Chairman), Mrs. A. H. Bentley (Hon. Secretary), Rev. F. Cronin, SJ, Mr. Tony Braga and Mr. Ma Man-fai to the Committee.

The first activity of the Group this year will take the form of a debate on the subject "That where the Press is concerned self-censorship is better than public control."

The motion will be defended by Mr. Frank Goldworthy, special correspondent of the London "Daily Express," and Mr. Ma Man-fai, Hon. Secretary of the Chinese Reform Association.

The opposition will be led by Mr. John Bielefeld, BA, (Camb.), teacher and writer as well as Buddhist scholar, and supported by Miss Mary Cheung, BA, a graduate of the Hong Kong University. The debate will be held on Friday, at 8 p.m. at the Cosmo Club, Pottinger Street.

The Literary Group invites all who are interested in the subject to attend and preferably to take part in the debate.

400 Carts

Three of the new lorries arrived earlier in the year and three more were received recently. Only one of the last shipment has been turned over to the Urban Council; the other two are still being tested by Land Transport Depot.

As regards the hand carts, by the end of the year there will be 400 of them on the roads. The Urban Council spokesman said provided funds were available more of these hand carts would be ordered.

MACAO HOUSES FOR REFUGEES

Nine of the new family houses in the Social Ward (Bairro T. Barbosa), have been allotted to Portuguese refugees from Shanghai.

The houses were given to married couples, residing in Macao, at a monthly rent of M\$4 which will be paid by the Portuguese Government.

The houses of the Social Ward belong to the Public Aid Central Committee here. Our Own Correspondent.

CORRECTION

In the "Whole Who" column of our Hong Kong Waterfront feature on Monday, it was inadvertently stated that Mr. A. H. Bentley was the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong University. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. John Bielefeld, BA, (Camb.), teacher and writer as well as Buddhist scholar, and supported by Miss Mary Cheung, BA, a graduate of the Hong Kong University. The debate will be held on Friday, at 8 p.m. at the Cosmo Club, Pottinger Street.

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TYPHOON BLAMED FOR RECENT "SEA DRAMAS"

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Reminders

Today

Legislative Council meeting CSO, Council Chamber, 2.30 p.m.
 Top H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
 European YMCA Debating & Discussion Group meeting talk on "Moral Defence of Hong Kong" by Bishop Hall, West Lounge, 8.45 p.m.
 Boating the Retreat, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.45 p.m.
 European YMCA Ladies Games Morning, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Women's International Club, Whist for Services, Gloucester Bldg., 8 p.m.
 British Council weekly film show and talk by Fr. Gallagher, SJ, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
 Barnstons Variety Show for members and Services, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
 T's Men's Club weekly luncheon-meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
 Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon talk on "The Manufacture of Cement" by Mr. John James Cameron, MBE, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
 Panama Republic Anniversary Day, reception at Club Lusitano, 11.30 a.m.

SHOP OWNERS FINED FOR OVERCHARGING

Among the 17 shop owners who appeared in the Justices of Peace Court at Central yesterday were two third-time offenders and four second-time offenders.

Fines totalling \$3,850 were imposed on them.

Tung Kwong of Kwong Hing, 55 Staunton Street, a second offender, was fined \$500 for selling a tin of condensed milk, Longevity brand, without a price tag. In default of payment of the fine a closure order for six weeks will be enforced.

For selling a tin of condensed milk, Longevity brand, without a price tag, Chan Tang-yun of Tai Chai Store, 12, Queen's Road, W., was fined \$500.

A \$500 fine was imposed on Ho Wing of Man Hing Store 51, Connaught Road, W., for having no price tag on a tin of Carnation brand evaporated milk.

For similar offences of selling a tin of Carnation brand Evaporated Milk without a price tag Ngan Yee of Hop Shing Store 50, Staunton Street, was fined \$200; Wong King of Tai Yuen, 207, 50, Staunton Street, was fined \$200; and Ho Lok-chuen of Tsui Yuen, 22, Queen's Road, C., was fined \$250.

Woo Shui-yu, of Yau Cheong, 182B, Hollywood Road, was fined \$400 for selling one catty of imported flour for 60 cents (an overcharge of seven cents), and for having no price tags.

DONATIONS

Latest donation to the St. John's Cathedral Centenary Appeal by Mr. J. W. Alabaster \$100.

The Committee of the British Legion acknowledge with thanks the undervalued donations to the Earl Hall Fund for Disabled Ex-Servicemen.

Previously acknowledged: \$5,341, South China Traders \$25, T.N. Chan \$50, National Cash Register Co. \$25, Anonymous \$25, W.C. Tan \$20, Far East Trading (S.S.K.) \$20, Local Printing Press \$100, Dr. Brown \$20, P.C. Wong and Co. \$25, Kwong Shun Hong \$20. Total 145,772.

FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices, realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

First quality	Average price	Second quality	Average price
Yellow Croaker	\$1.71	\$1.47	
Kingfish	1.59	1.45	
Snapper	2.63	2.25	
White Pomfret (large)	2.19	2.00	
Mackerel (large)	1.51	1.78	
(small)	0.97	0.99	
Golden Thread	1.78	1.73	
Conger Pike	1.44	1.40	
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.94	1.89	
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Typhoon Patricia, originating in the Pacific off the Philippines on October 25 and which has just affected the Japanese islands, is blamed for the recent series of "sea dramas" off the China Coast, involving local craft of the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and the Merchant Marine.

The present humanitarian errand of HMS Belfast, due to return today from the Pratas Reefs with starving Chinese rescued from the stranded LST Chung Hsin, marks the vital role of Hong Kong as a "mercy centre" under such dire circumstances.

During the past few days, not less than a dozen "SOS" signals were either picked up directly or relayed from abroad, resulting in local rescue craft being sent out on mercy missions.

But on numerous occasions, before any contact or aid could be given, the distressed ships have reported themselves under way without difficulty.

Generally, at least where the Colony was involved, the scene of the would-be disaster centred on the dangerous Pratas Reefs, 180 nautical miles East South East of Hong Kong.

Surrounded by numerous shoals and frequently lashed by raging seas, which harbour treacherous currents, the notorious Pratas Reefs have been the bane of shipping, especially in bad weather.

However, frequent communication is maintained between the meteorological station, operated by the Chinese Nationalist Navy on the island, and the local Royal Observatory, which receives regular weather reports. Reports from the Pratas Station are important when a storm from the South East threatens the Colony.

Several Calls

Beginning October 25, a new tropical storm was reported in the Pacific Ocean East of the Philippines with maximum winds of 55 miles per hour.

The typhoon developed and was reported to be heading for the Japanese islands with winds of 100 mph at the centre and 40 mph winds blowing within a radius of 200 miles off the centre.

As the storm, which was nicknamed, named Taiwan and caused an anti-cyclone area over China, which consequently led to strong winds in the Formosa Straits.

This was blamed for the recent mishaps on the high seas. During the past few days, HMS Caradigan, HMS Belfast and an unidentified destroyer were alerted to stand by for emergency assignments when distress calls were picked up by the Admiralty or the Government Radio Listening Post.

An RAF Sunderland was sent out on one occasion to locate a distressed Chinese LST, presumably identified now as the Chung Hsin.

Even a civil airline plane, returning to the Colony on a routine commercial flight, was instructed to divert course to keep a lookout for an ill-fated ship off the Pratas.

Moller Tugs

Mollers Limited, which operate a fleet of salvage and towage tugs—Frosty Moller, Caroline Moller and Allegiance—are also playing an important part in this mercy work.

A Mollers tug is always standing by in port for any emergency. The Caroline Moller and the Frosty Moller have earned prominence in salvage and rescue work off local waters. The latter may be remembered for the epic rescue of the grounded Inchmark and the towage of the Nationalist-attacked Anchises.

The Caroline Moller towed the Danish freighter Marie Skov, which lost her propeller and sustained damage to her main engines when caught by a storm off the Indo-China coast to Haiphong.

The Danish steamer is at present discharging her cargo before leaving the Indo-Chinese port under tow for the Colony.

The Frosty Moller made a successful rescue when she towed in the helpless Chinese Navy gunboat Yung Ming, which drifted for several days without food and water for the 114 officers and men aboard.

Equipped with modern diving apparatus and emergency stores, the Mollers rescue fleet are ready at a moment's notice to race out to port on a mercy errand.

Contact is maintained with the local authorities by wireless, with which the tug is equipped.

Gunboat's SOS

When the Chinese steamer Taipeh radiated an "SOS" off Hainan Island, HMS Belfast was sent out. The Swedish steamer Castleville, which was coming into port, diverted her course to render assistance where necessary.

But shortly after the original distress call was made, the Taipeh informed her would-be rescuers that she was all right and was proceeding under her own steam. She arrived here for bunker last week on route to Taiwan.

HMS Caradigan Bay stood by when the French freighter Doctor Yerin sustained damage after being rammed by the Chin-

Malaya's Vanishing Coins

Malaya, like Hong Kong, is puzzled by vanishing coins. The greatly increased issue of cupra nickel coins in Malaya has brought back into circulation only a very few of the millions of silver coins which have "disappeared" since 1942.

One theory put forward for the disappearance of these coins is that they were melted down during, or shortly after, the Japanese occupation.

Silver coins nominally in circulation at the end of 1948 amounted to approximately 25 million dollars. They included the 1943 and 1945 issues which were minted in London during the war, and which "disappeared" when put into circulation after the liberation of Malaya.

The Board of Commissioners of Currency, Malaya, are now withdrawing all silver coins and in due course they will be proclaimed to be no longer legal tender.

Merchants' Day Marked In Colony

The third anniversary of Merchants' Day was celebrated in Hong Kong yesterday with a cocktail party at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

More than 1,000 members and guests attended the function, including the leading members of the mercantile community, both Chinese and non-Chinese.

Among Government officials who were present were Mr. R. R. Todd, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, the Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Q.A.A. Madhayan, Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Chang King-pai, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. K. Keen, Director of the Department of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. J. C. McDouall, Government Social Welfare Officer.

Other guests included Mr. W. P. Montgomery, UK Trade Commissioner; Mr. H. Wrigley, Australian Trade Commissioner; Mr. Kenneth Noble, Canadian Trade Commissioner; Mr. R. E. Jobez, Consul for France; Mr. W. M. Simmons, Mr. F. P. Fitch, Mr. D. Benson, Mr. E. R. Hill, Mr. J. Collier, Mr. A. J. Bird, Mr. P. A. Howard, Sir Man-lam Lo, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. Ma Man-fai, and many others.

After World War II

Merchants' Day came into being as an institution only after World War II. Merchants and traders occupied only the fourth place in China's social order until after 1945. Their status was raised on strenuous representations from the Chinese industrialists Association of China, and the Government, recognising the role which Chinese traders played not only in China itself but abroad, earmarked November 1 of each year as Merchants' day.

The Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, as the major commercial institution in the Colony, has for the past three years taken the lead in celebrating Merchants' Day, as a day dedicated to Chinese merchants and the role they have played in building up China's trade and commerce in China and abroad.

Student Sentenced To One Year Gaol

A teen-aged student was sentenced by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday to 12 months' imprisonment starting from the time of his arrest on August 15 for being an accessory to two larcenies from the person in early August.

Chan King-chiu, aged 16, charged together with Yu Kai-yam and six juveniles with larceny from the person on divers dates between July 1 and August 14, was represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths.

Yu Kai-yam and four juveniles were exonerated of all charges while the other two juveniles will be sent to the Juvenile Court this morning for judgment.

Chan pleaded guilty to larceny of a watch, pen and money from the person at a house in Morrison Hill Road on August 8 and larceny of a watch from the person on the roof of a house in Lockhart Road on August 11.

Detective Sub-inspector Sall, prosecuting officer, told how a number of young boys would accuse another unsuspecting boy of assaulting one of their younger brothers and lure him onto a rooftop where they would set upon him and take whatever he had on his person.

Mr. Griffiths asked for leniency on behalf of his client saying that he was barely in his adult

Pakistan Shipping Delegation Here

A three-man shipping delegation from Pakistan is in the Colony to negotiate with local ship-owners and shipyards for the purchase of a fleet of 50 coastal vessels and river craft.

Interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, the three members of the delegation, Mr. Z. Ahmed, Mr. G. Miahbub and Mr. M. I. Kidwai, said they arrived on Monday from Singapore.

They had contacted shipping circles in Singapore but found no suitable vessels there. Those offered to them were too old for their use, and Singapore lacked ship repair facilities.

They said they want flat bottom barges of 300 to 500 tons for transporting jute down the river for export overseas, and coasters of 500 to 700 tons for the coastal trade.

Pakistan, they said, had no shipbuilding yards, hence their quest in Hong Kong which they thought was the very place where they might get what they want. Besides our many shipyards, both large and small, we had all the facilities for under-water repairs to vessels.

"We are very short of inland river craft, and if anyone can offer us suitable vessels of this type, which we can take back right away to Pakistan, we shall be meeting our immediate needs," said the delegates.

Studying Offers

Asked if they had already placed any orders they replied in the negative, but they said they had visited various shipyards and had had offers from various shipowners which they were studying.

The delegates expressed pleasant surprise that a small place like Hong Kong should have so many well equipped shipyards and docking facilities. They said they were greatly impressed by what they had seen.

Yesterday the delegates were the guests of Mr. Neill Garland, Deputy Director of Marine, at the Rotary Club weekly luncheon.

They said they would be in Hong Kong for five days and were at present staying at the Kowloon Hotel, Kowloon.

CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL EXPORT

Charged with exporting gold without a licence, Wai Yim-kong, a Chinese woman, was fined \$100 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Revenue Inspector Fowler said that on Monday morning defendant's small daughter was seen by a revenue officer with a handbag at Kai Tak airport. She was questioned and a gold bar was found in her handbag which defendant claimed belonged to her.

Defendant, who was passing through the Colony, said that the gold weighing five taels, was her travelling expense, and the magistrate ordered it to be returned to her after imposing the fine.

DEFENDANT'S BAIL ESTREATED

When searched at the Yuen Chong Wharf as he arrived from Mao to the ss. Kwong Pao on Monday morning, Wo Chi was found to have 12 bars of gold amounting to 203 taels tied to his right leg.

He failed to appear before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday to answer the charge of importing without a licence and Revenue Inspector L. C. Millington successfully applied for the estreatment of the defendant's bail of \$10 and the confiscation of the gold bars.

"Wayfarer" Lands In Hong Kong

Said to be the first plane of its type to land here, a Bristol Wayfarer, owned by the Societe Indochinoise de Transports Aeriens, was among many types of aircraft parked at the Jardine, Matheson Air Maintenance lot at Kai Tak recently.

The French plane which is marked with the letters P-BENX on her fuselage and wings, arrived here from Saigon on Monday for a change of her two four-bladed propellers.

She is a high-winged twin engine aircraft with an extra large nose resembling that of a sea-plane. Unlike other conventional aircraft, the Bristol Wayfarer has non-retractable landing gears fixed underneath her two engine nacelles.

Her other special features are low fuselage, a big rudder and a peculiar navigation cabin which is just behind the nose high on the main fuselage.

The aircraft came here with six persons including two French lady passengers. Her captain is Mr. R. Ladure.

Yesterday morning she made a 20-minute test flight over the Colony. She is due to return to Saigon shortly.

Beside the Bristol Wayfarer, another aircraft of the French Indo-China airlines arrived here recently.

This one is a DC-3 owned by the Compagnie Aerienn de Transports Indo-chinoise. She has a crew of five men. Her Captain was Mr. Emile Grandjean. She is in the Colony for minor repairs.

Charge Against Doctor Dropped

Charges against Mok Lai-shun, Chinese doctor of 2, Bowring Street, were withdrawn by the prosecution before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday due to a bad warrant.

Defendant was charged with practicing medicine for gain while being an unregistered person with the Medical Department, and falsely taking title implying medical qualification.

When the warrant was produced in court on October 4, Mr. d'Almada found that it first bore one address which had been erased and another address, that of the defendant's substituted.

The Court wanted to know whether the warrant had been sworn again after the alteration of the address.

Yesterday Inspector Davies informed the Court that it had not been sworn again and requested withdrawal.

Defendant, who was on \$1,500 bail, was represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber.

SENTENCED TO SIX WEEKS

Sentence of six weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Tso Chan, aged 27, an amah, by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for the larceny of a piece of gold, the property of her employer, the Koon-hoi of the Hong Kong Shipyard.

It was stated that the gold was missing on October 29 and two days later complainant observed defendant wearing a gold bangle. She was questioned by her employer and admitted that she stole the gold and had it changed for a bangle at a goldsmith shop. Mr. Wicks ordered that the bangle be returned to the goldsmith and the piece of gold to the complainant.

FREE SHOW FOR SERVICEMEN

The two free performances of the play, "The Shop at Sly Corner," for the troops, postponed from last week, will be given by the Garrison Players on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Seamen's Mission, Gloucester Road, Wanchai.

Admission will be free on showing of identity documents.

Units are requested to notify the Forces Welfare Centre (Tel. 23097) of the number of seats they require not later than 5 p.m., Thursday.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Two men, Lam Fung, aged 25, seaman, and Chan Sin-nan, aged 29, mason, who are accused of using arms and robbing the Tai Chan Goldsmith shop, Shaukiwan, off-gold finger rings valued at HK\$1,900 on August 18, were committed for trial in the Supreme Court by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday.

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"Hit-Run" Plane
Raid On Ship

A "hit and run" Nationalist fighter plane strafed
the British steamer Nanchang in broad day-
light when she was off Taiwan bound for
Tsingtao.

A Chinese quartermaster, who was on deck at the
stern to check whether the Red Ensign was
hoisted, ran for cover when the raider dived
to attack. He fell and injured his forehead.
He was the only casualty.

The Nanchang entered port
recently with several bullet
holes as evidence of the sud-
den raid.

The attack occurred at 3.45
p.m. on October 17 when the Nan-
chang was off Taiwan en route to
the North, from Hong Kong.

The weather was clear and
visibility extremely good.

The first indication of the air-
craft was the muffled staccato of
machine-gun fire some 25 miles
astern of the Nanchang.

The ship's personnel was warn-
ed to take cover below deck.

The quartermaster apparently
went above to check whether the
Ensign was hoisted.

He scrambled for shelter when
the raider strafed the ship sud-
denly.

Almost immediately another
aircraft, bearing the Kuomintang
emblem appeared.

Both circled overhead once be-
fore flying away.

The only material damage sus-
tained by the Nanchang was a
burst mast wire. This was dis-
covered when the ship was dis-
charging cargo at Tsingtao, where
it was found that the stern winch
was defective.

A full report of the incident was
made to the Communist authori-
ties. It was learned that this was
broadcast over the Communist
radio network.

The ladies, too, had their clubs,
but they were forgoth of, and
concentrated mostly on the older
females. Prayer meetings were
the most popular, such as cele-
brating the birthdays of the
Goddess of Mercy and Buddha.

On such occasions they would
spend their time at the temples,
sometimes for several days, chat-
ting about their daughters-in-law
and their neighbours.

But by far the most prevalent
were the native guilds whose
members were from a common
district or a common province,
away from home. They would
band themselves together more
for their own protection than
for anything else.

It was on record, said Mr. Yu, that
China played football long
before it was known in the West,
though it was not clear whether
the ball was filled with air or
stuffed.

The speaker was thanked by
Rotarian S. Y. Pang, General
Secretary of the Chinese YMCA,
Hong Kong.

Ship's Purser
Cautioned
On Charge

Brought before Mr. F. X.
d'Almada at Kowloon yester-
day, Chan Yiu-tung, purser, of
4 Connaught Road, West, was
cautioned on a charge of pos-
session of machine-gun parts
aboard the motor-junk, Wah
Tai.

Inspector C. Askew said that
on the morning of October 15,
the junk, leaving the harbour for
Chinese waters, was intercepted
by Water Police and the parts
found on board. Defendant told
the police that he was responsible
for them being on board and he
was accordingly charged.

Mr. A. d'Almada pleaded guilty
on behalf of defendant and said
that it was the custom of tow
ships, of which the Wah Tai was
one, to tow lighters to Wanchow.
On these trips it was necessary
that they be armed. On their
way to the Colony they would
load up arms at the Chinese
Customs Station at Taisan.

On her last trip, due to armed
conflicts on the mainland, the
parts were brought here to ren-
der the machine-guns useless. Mr.
Askew applied for the return of
the parts which included a Hot-
chick gun mounting, gun sight,
gauge, magazine spring and gun
bolt.

Mr. d'Almada made an order
for their confiscation pending ap-
plication for their return to the
owners.

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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Chairman
Kowloon-Canton Railway,
Kowloon
Mr. J. W. Ho
High Treasurer
The Bank of East Asia Ltd., H.K.

Last Liaison
Meeting In
Singapore

The Commissioner-General for
the United Kingdom in South
East Asia, Mr. Malcolm Mac-
donald, yesterday announced
in Singapore that the 29th
Liaison Officers' Meeting called
for Thursday, November 10,
will be the last one of this
series of meetings.

Since July 1946 the Liaison
Officers of the Governments of
South East Asia Countries have
met regularly in Singapore to
discuss economic matters of com-
mon interest, covered immedi-
ately on the distribution of rice sup-
plies.

It is interesting to record that
concurrently with the Liaison
Officers' Meetings the Economic
Organisation of the Commission-
er-General's Office has convened
Regional Conferences on such
important subjects as Social
Welfare, Nutrition, Fisheries Sta-
tistics and Phyto-Sanitary mat-
ters.

These Conferences were widely
attended by delegations from
South East Asia and other coun-
tries.

Now that the international allo-
cation of rice by the F.A.O. is to
commence at the end of the year, it
is felt that these particular
monthly meetings of Liaison Of-
ficers can be discontinued.

Japanese
Sentenced

A 24-year-old Japanese, Ma-
suda Kange, was charged be-
fore Mr. A.D. Schotes at Cen-
tral yesterday with entering
the Colony without a valid
travelling document and with-
out a permit. He was addition-
ally charged with failing to
register with the Registrar of
Aliens on arrival.

Prosecuting, Inspector Wilson
said the defendant stated that he
was born in Japan and been with
the Japanese army which occu-
pied Taiwan in 1945.

In 1946 he went to reside in
Amoy as a Chinese but was
forced to leave last month as the
Reds approached the city.

He surrendered to the Police
on October 28 and expressed the
wish to be sent back to Japan.

The defendant was sentenced
to one month's imprisonment on
each charge, sentences to run
concurrently, and to be expelled
after serving his term.

DEFENDANT
IN BOX

Before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at
Central yesterday Yau Kam-
san, aged 25, entered the wit-
ness box to answer the charge
of having demanded HK\$20,000
from Chan Chi-leung at 31,
Gillman Street, ground floor, on
September 9.

Yau said that he had approach-
ed Chan some time ago and had
asked him to find employment for
him. Should he fail to find a job
for him he would return the sum
of CN\$20,000 which defendant
had used threatening language
while talking with the complain-
ant at the time.

Further hearing of the case
was adjourned to November 19.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Ninth Race Meeting

Saturday — 5th November, 1949.

There are nine races, the First Ball will be rung at 1.00 p.m.
and the first race will be run at 1.20 p.m.
Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office
of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for
the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep
on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" to be run at the Annual Race Meet-
ing in January, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and
those for the "Pearce Memorial Cup" may be purchased also at
the Club's Branch Office, No. 282 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies
MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE
MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and
Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the
Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member,
such member to be responsible for all china, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale
at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 10.30 a.m. and
the Secretary's Office at 11.15 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Tele-
phone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House
provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 22818).
NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PRE-
MISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5
including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the
Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PER-
MITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.
MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN
THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,
who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to en-
sure their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not per-
mitted to be members. Enclosure except for passing through of
their duties and must remain in their employers' hands.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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NO PLAY OBLIGATORY
YOU HEAR people say that
playing your ace on the first
round of a side suit is obligatory
if you see a singleton of the suit
in the dummy. This may appear
obvious because the declarer can
ruff out his own losses of the
suit in the dummy unless you
score the ace at once. But a
more important factor may exist
—the declarer may get discards
from dummy on his own honour
in that suit. If you are going to
generalise, it is better to say that
no play is obligatory; common
sense must decide.

A put South in to use the club
K and Q. On them he discarded
dummy's last two diamonds. Af-
ter that South lost only one trick
each in the majors, so scored his
game.

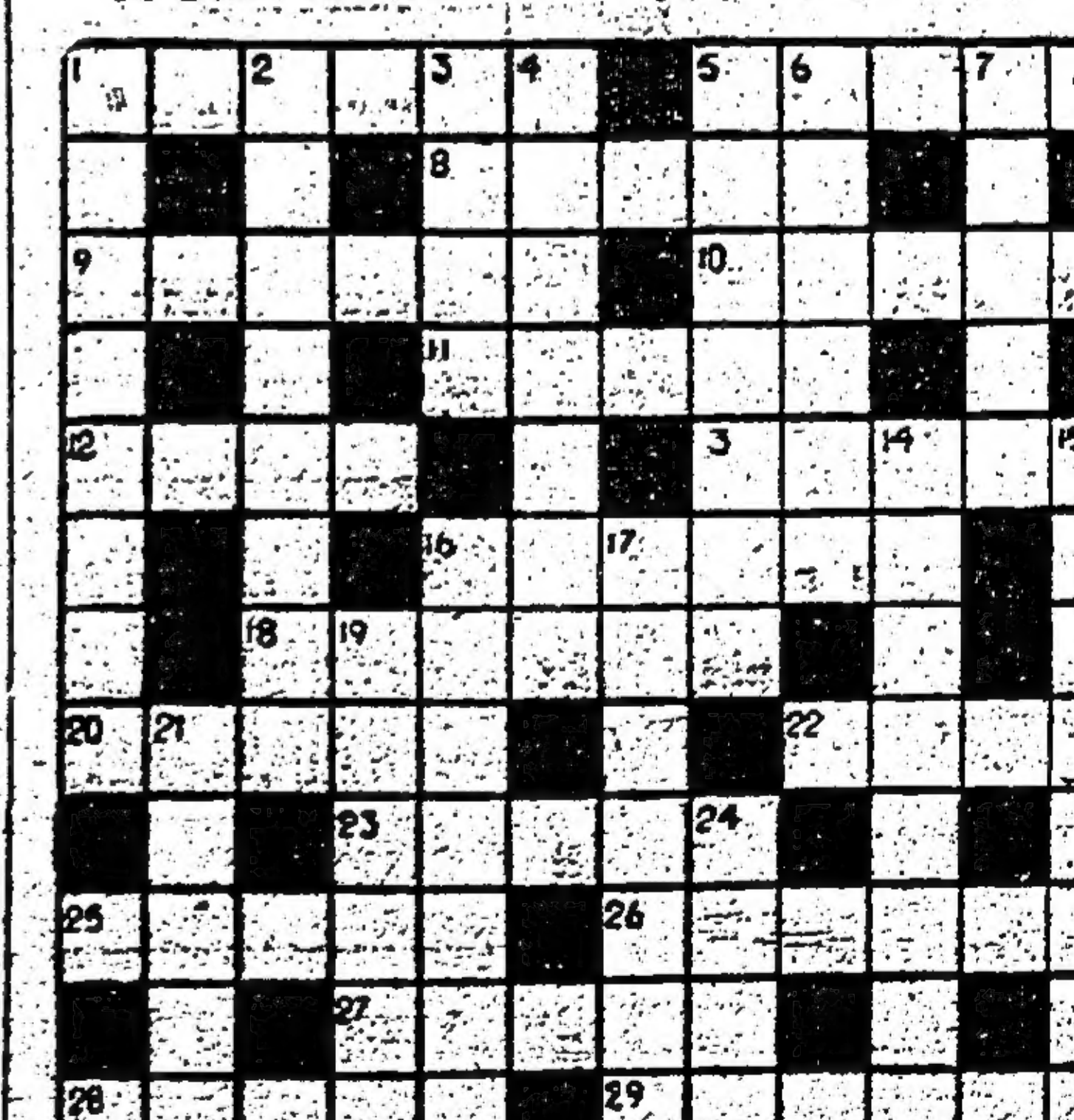
Simple thinking by East would
have shown him South was vir-
tually certain to have both the
K and Q of clubs. Carrying it
further, he should have seen that
instant play of the A would have
made both of those cards good.
Playing low and letting South
win the first trick would have
compelled South to drop two
minor suit tricks, plus one each
in the majors, to be defeated a
trick.

Tomorrow's Problem
S A 3 8 6
H 10 7 4
D Q 9 6 4
C 7 2
S 7 5 3
H 8 5 2
D K 5
C J 8 8 6 4
S Q 10 9
H A J 8
D 10 7
C A K 3
(Dealer: East. Both sides vul-
nerable).

West chose the club 9 for his
lead. East saw dummy's single-
ton, so "of course" played the A.
By so doing, he made South a
gift of the contract.

Dummy's A won the diamond
K return and the heart 5 to the

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Extend
5 Ship's lead
8 Wanderer
9 Towers
10 Might
11 On the move
12 Quantity of paper
13 Condemn
18 Perpetrator
20 Guide
22 Tax
23 Went at full speed
25 Once more
26 Shared
27 Sharp
28 Perjured
29 Refrains from killing
30 Evergreen
Down
1 Quell
2 Trustworthy
3 Indian coin
4 Set of documents
5 First-rate
6 Worshipped
7 Surmise
14 Newspaper
15 Blows up
16 Imprisonment
17 United
18 Wireless
19 Accessory
21 Taut
24 Profound
25 Dare
26 Plain
27 Whet
28 Special
29 Bulky
30 Prop
31 Arab
32 Tomb
33 Erupt
34 Emerald
35 Dune
36 Lithic
37 Oral
38 Draw

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—3 Grip, 7 Scope, 8 Bala, 9 Alto, 10 Procure, 12 Fast, 15 Laura, 18 Maim, 19 Reahn, 21 Trail, 22 Dumb, 23 Elope, 26

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PANDIT NEHRU ON "AGE OF PARADOX"

Berkley, October 31.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said today: "We talk of peace and prepare for war in this age of paradox, but if we seek peace we must labour for peace and not for war."

The Indian Prime Minister, speaking before an overflow crowd of 7,500 at the University of California, declared: "If we seek harmony and goodwill among the various peoples of the world we must not preach or practice hatred."

"It is true that there is plenty of violence and hatred in the world today, and we cannot permit this to triumph, as we cannot submit to any aggression."

"We have to combat evil and aggression, but in doing so we have to remember not only our aims and objectives but also that the means we adopt should be in conformity with them."

Mr. Nehru said he was convinced that any ideology which ignores truth and character in human beings and which preaches hatred and violence can only lead to evil results.

The Indian leader said the future appears to him "full of conflict and difficulty, but I have little doubt that the spirit of man, which has survived so much, will triumph again."

Mr. Nehru said that on his trip across the United States, he has found Americans to be a warm-hearted and a very generous people with a firm belief in freedom, equality and democracy.

Freedom Wanted In Asia

"Everywhere," he said, "I have found a love of freedom and a desire for peace and co-operation."

Mr. Nehru said that the renaissance of Asia was a change of supreme importance that had come over the world scene.

"Perhaps when the history of our times comes to be written, this re-awakening of this old continent of Asia into world politics will be the most outstanding fact of this and the next generation," he said.

"All the world is concerned with this, but more particularly the United States, because of the geographical and pivotal position, apart from the great power, which wield in world affairs today."

Pandit Nehru said that national freedom was the first essential in India, and some of the Asian territory still under colonial domination must have freedom.

Danger Point

Similarly, economic betterment of the masses of Asia was equally essential both from their point of view and the point of view of world peace and stability.

This would involve a progressive industrialisation of these countries and the United States could play a vital role in this task.

Pandit Nehru also said that racial discrimination and inequality was "another danger point" and this relic from the past must be obliterated.

Pandit Nehru is due to arrive in London on November 8 and to leave for Bombay on November 13.

As present plans go he will be meeting members of the British Cabinet and of the diplomatic corps within a few hours of landing in London by air. A reception for this purpose has already been planned by India House.

On the following day he will be lunching with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, at his official residence in Downing Street.

Lord Mayor's Banquet

The India League, which for more than 20 years interpreted to progressive opinion in Britain the struggle for freedom in the sub-continent of India, has arranged a tea-time reception with Pandit Nehru as the guest of honour.

In the evening he will attend the Lord Mayor of London's banquet—the occasion in the year on which the newly-appointed Lord Mayor entertains important citizens of the metropolis.

On November 10 Pandit Nehru is expected to go for a rest in the country.

On November 12 he gives a press conference to the representatives of the Indian, British and foreign press.

Part of the afternoon he will spend with Indian students at India House. In the evening the High Commissioner, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, will give a reception for Indian residents in London.

If present plans remain unaltered, Pandit Nehru leaves by air for India on the Sunday morning—Associated Press and Reuter.

British Approach To Egypt

London, October 31. Britain is asking Egypt for information about the incident in which a British Avro Tutor plane was reported to have been fired on by anti-aircraft guns in the Gaza area.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Foreign Under-Secretary of State, gave this reply in the House of Commons today to Mr. Garret Jones, Labour member who had asked what steps Britain had taken with the Egyptian Government or the United Nations.

Mr. Mayhew replied that the only communication from the British Government had on the incident was made orally on October 22 by a director of the company which owns the aircraft. No report had been made to representatives of the British Government either by the representatives of the company or the air crew. Further inquiries were being made through the Egyptian Government, he said.—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF NORTH EUROPE

London, October 31. The Defence Ministers of Britain, Denmark and Norway, meeting here today, approved plans for establishing the Northern European regional planning group of the North Atlantic Alliance organisation, comprising the three countries.

A communique issued by the British Ministry of Defence said that the organisation provided for meetings of the Chiefs of Staff and the Defence Ministers. The Chiefs of Staff will meet here tomorrow. There will also be a Permanent Committee of the principal staff officers in London to provide day-to-day co-ordination of planning.—Reuter.

Fairbanks To Stay An American

London, October 31. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., said today that published reports that he might assume British nationality so he could become "Sir Douglas" were all "poppycock."

The film star, who has spent almost half of his 40 years in Britain, said: "My home is and always will be America and I have never at any time thought of taking British nationality."

Mr. Fairbanks was reported in the "Sunday Express" gossip column to be thinking of becoming a British citizen.—United Press.

Britain Covered In Fog

London, October 31. Fog, which in some areas reduced visibility to five yards, delayed British train and road services early today and disrupted air traffic to London.

Flights to London from all parts of the world were hampered by the worst flying weather since last winter.

Services from Malta, Lisbon and Rio de Janeiro were delayed 24 hours. One flight from Buenos Aires was delayed indefinitely.

A strato-cruiser from New York was diverted to Bovingdon, Hertfordshire. Two services from Paris and Brussels were cancelled and nearly all other incoming flights were hours late.

The visibility at London Airport, which was 30 yards earlier today, gradually improved but was not expected to be more than 500 yards at any time during the day.—Reuter.

U.S. STARS FOR COMMAND SHOW

London, October 31. Two more American film stars are coming to England for the Royal Command Performance on November 17.

Ann Southern will fly from New York and Errol Flynn from India to take part in the performance, which the King and Queen and other members of the Royal family are expected to attend.—Reuter.

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Struggle In UN Over Admission Of New Members

Lake Success, October 31.

Australia today asked admittance of nine Western-backed states to the United Nations and Russia immediately indicated that she will probably veto their applications unless five Soviet-backed nations are also admitted.

The long standing East-West struggle over the admittance of members resumed in the Assembly's temporary Political Committee as the Australian draft resolution proposing approval of the applications of Portugal, Transjordan, Italy, Finland, Ireland, Austria, Ceylon, Nepal and Korea was tabled.

SMALLER BURMESE EXPORTS OF RICE

Rangoon, October 31.

Burma will have a smaller rice surplus available for export in 1950 because rebellion this year prevented wide cultivation. Agriculture Minister Ba Gyan said in Rangoon today.

He said that until the Government makes a preliminary survey of next season's prospects no figures concerning the estimated exportable tonnage would be available.

He added, "Frankly, the outlook is not very encouraging." Ba Gyan said in view of the forthcoming abolition of the International Economic Emergency Council, Burma in future must rely on her own efforts to find markets for rice.

He said this would be done through direct negotiation with countries known to be needing Burmese rice. According to Ba Gyan, the Burmese Government included financial requirements for the internal purchase of rice when it approached the Commonwealth countries for aid. — Associated Press.

Peasants' Death Causes Strike

Rome, October 31.

Workers throughout Italy began an eight-hour strike this afternoon in protest against the deaths of two peasants in a clash between police and land-owners near Cartone in the "toe" of Italy last night.

The strike was called by the Communist-led 5,000,000-member Italian Labour Federation. It affected all industries except trains and some public service. Four police and 12 peasants were wounded in last night's clash, in which peasants fought police with hand-grenades and hunting rifles. — Reuter.

The Soviet delegate, Semjon Tsarapkin immediately took the floor to warn the Committee that Russia would waive its previous objections to the applications only if the Western powers agreed that there will be no discrimination against other countries.

Russia is backing the applications of Albania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania and the Mongol People's Republic.

All applications for United Nations membership must be approved unanimously by the Security Council, in which Russia possesses the veto power.

The Swedish delegate, Rickard Sandler, told the Committee that his Government feels that all applications should be approved without delay.

Sandler pointed out that Russia has agreed to approve all applications if other nations would do likewise. He felt this made conditions for the admission of new members more favourable.

No Provision

But the Swede pointed out that Russia has failed to consider the rule of the International Court of Justice that the admission of any new member cannot be made conditional on the acceptance of others.

Sandler contended that the members should not make their approval of an application dependent entirely on whether human rights and fundamental rights are being observed in the applicant nation.

He said, "There is no charter provision that at the time of admittance the state shall be perfect. This would mean that nations applying are asked to fulfill more stringent conditions than those already members."

He added, "Observation of human rights is important but Sweden feels that the United Nations would be in a better position to exert its influence on individual nations to this end if they are within the organization." — United Press.

Washington, October 31. The United States today demanded the recall of the Czechoslovak Consul-General in New York and also an employee at the Czechoslovak Embassy in Washington. — Reuter.

Penny Stamp Fetches £700

London, October 31. A private collector gave £700 for a penny pale blue Cape of Good Hope triangular stamp when a valuable private collection of African stamps was sold by public auction here.

The stamp, a woodblock issue of 1861, had been printed in the wrong shade.

A four-penny vermilion stamp of the same issue, also in the wrong shade, sold for £320. — Reuter.

YUGOSLAV LEAVES MOSCOW

Moscow, October 31.

Lazo Latinovic, Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires in the Soviet Union, left Moscow by train yesterday for Finland and Sweden on his way back to Belgrade, leaving a total strength in the Yugoslav Embassy of only five.

M. Latinovic, who has the rank of Minister-Counsellor, has been in charge of the Embassy for the last five months during the absence of the Ambassador, M. Karlo Mrazovic, whose recall was demanded last week by the Soviet Government.

The Soviet note asking for the removal of the Ambassador from his office said that the Hungarian treason trial of Laszlo Rakj showed that he was engaged in subversive activities against the Soviet Union.

M. Latinovic was named by a witness at the trial as a former American agent in Switzerland.

M. Latinovic had been Minister-Counsellor in the Moscow Embassy for 12 months.

His French-born wife, who was with him in Moscow, left during the summer.

The Yugoslav Embassy in Moscow was today in charge of M. J. Homer Stojanovic, First Secretary, with a diplomatic staff of four under him. — Reuter.

National Spirit In Yugoslavia

Istanbul, October 31.

Senator Homer Ferguson (Republican, Michigan) said on his arrival here from Belgrade that the ideological conflict with Russia had created a "national spirit" in Yugoslavia.

The national Yugoslavs intended to establish close connections with the West, he added.

Yugoslavs devoted to Moscow Communism represented hardly three per cent while the remaining 97 per cent had a "mitigated conception" of Communist tenets, the Senator said.

Senator Ferguson is a member of a special sub-committee of the Senate Appropriations Committee now touring the world to inspect the application of the United States military aid programme.

He arrived yesterday to join other members of the group investigating American aid to Turkey. — Reuter.

LAUREL ILL

Manila, November 1. Dr. Jose Laurel, Nacionalista presidential candidate, is in Notre Dame Hospital in Baguio, suffering from bronchitis, according to reports from the summer capital. He fell ill while campaigning in Pangasinan province.

His condition is described as not serious, but the attending physician has ordered a complete rest. — United Press.

SPANISH OFFER TO ATLANTIC POWERS OF AID IN WAR

Madrid, October 31.

Spain has offered the Atlantic powers a guarantee of active aid in any war with Russia in exchange for American financial assistance, it was reliably reported today.

Trustworthy diplomatic sources here and in Lisbon said the Spanish offer was made in two private meetings which Generalissimo Francisco Franco had with Premier Antonio De Oliveira Salazar of Portugal during his recent state visit to that country.

No communique was issued after the meetings, however, and it has been impossible to obtain official confirmation of the report either here or in the Portuguese capital.

The diplomatic informants said the Spanish guarantee offered by Generalissimo Franco would be contained in a military alliance with Portugal, already a member of the North Atlantic pact.

Such an alliance would promise the Portuguese the aid of Spain if they should be drawn into a war with Russia because of their Atlantic pact membership.

It is not known whether such an alliance actually was signed, or whether Generalissimo Franco merely made the offer pending reaction from the United States.

Wants Credits

Diplomatic informants here say, however, the Generalissimo's offer was a move in his drive to obtain American credits for vitally needed raw materials and supplies.

For some time, the Spanish Government has been giving an impetus to this campaign by extending facilities to important American legislators and personalities, as well as to French and British figures, to visit Spain for conferences with Generalissimo Franco and other Government leaders.

The Spaniards seem to think that the best way of combating feeling abroad against the Franco regime is to invite influential foreigners to meet the Generalissimo himself and see the country for themselves. — Associated Press.

BLONDE MISSING FROM LINER

Melbourne, October 31.

Australian homicide squad detectives boarded the 28,000-ton Orient liner Oranienstein today to investigate reports that a 20-year-old blonde, who gave her name as Gwendolyn McCallum, was missing from the ship during its voyage from Sydney.

They were probing a report that she was seen struggling with a man on a lower deck some hours after midnight yesterday.

The girl, told ship's officers soon after the ship left Sydney on October 29 that she came on board for a party and "got drunk."

Passengers paid her second class fare to Melbourne and she was reported to have been last seen in the early hours of yesterday morning, wandering around the ship in pyjamas and a dressing gown.

Ship's officers yesterday searched the vessel in vain for her. — Reuter.

Berlin, October 31. A "people's judge" in Schwerin, in the Soviet Zone, who is noted for imposing severe sentences, found a small axe and a note of warning in his mail box, the German news agency, DPA, reported. — Reuter.

Hunt For Bandit Spreading

Palermo, October 31.

Terrified women were roused from their beds early today when the hunt for Sicily's bandit chief, Salvatore Giuliano, spread to the select suburbs of Palermo.

Special police squads, acting on information that Giuliano may have slipped out from his mountain hide-out in the near-by Montelepre area, searched six or seven villas belonging to wealthy people with separate sympathies.

When frightened servants opened the doors police entered, brushed past men and women in dressing gowns and searched the villas, but they found no trace of Giuliano.

There have been rumours for several days that Giuliano may be hiding in Palermo but his band is said by the police to be still in the Montelepre area.

(Sicilian separatists recently declared their support of Giuliano as "a hero of the fight for Sicilian independence"). — Reuter.

Hirohito Opens Diet

Tokyo, November 1.

Emperor Hirohito today formally opened the special 30-day Diet session to pass a supplementary budget for the current fiscal year ending next March 31 and to consider tax reforms suggested by Professor Carl Shoup of Columbia University.

Addressing the joint session of the House of Councillors and the House of Representatives in the Councillors' chamber, the Emperor, in a brief message couched in democratic conversational Japanese, asked the legislators as the nation's highest organ of state to devote their efforts to the country's recovery.

"I am happy with you that Japan is becoming a democratic, cultural country on the basis of the new constitution and through the goodwill and assistance of Allied countries, but we must redouble our efforts to overcome current social and economic problems in order to gain the confidence of the world," he said. — United Press.

Manstein Admits Recruitment Of Pregnant Women

Hamburg, October 31.

Field Marshal Erich Von Manstein admitted at the afternoon session of his war crimes trial here today that his armies had forcibly recruited women of all ages, even pregnant mothers, to work for them in Russia.

He would not have put pregnant mothers to work

but as the Commander-in-Chief of one Army Group he could not know everything that happened on a 900-kilometre front.

The half-blind defendant, who is 62, is in the witness box for the seventh successive day. He was obviously shaken by the constant cross-examination. He shouted angrily sometimes when replying.

He denied he ordered that partisans under questioning could be given 25 strokes "on the posterior" with rubber truncheons if men, and with horse-whips if women.

He claimed that Fritz Sauckel, the Nazi labour chief, was responsible for the forced recruitment of civilian labour.

Sir Arthur Comyns, the Chief Prosecutor, asked if he could justify the orders that every recruited civilian must work at least 10 hours daily and that most of those recruited were women between the ages of 12 and 70, including sick and pregnant women.

Von Manstein replied: "I justify it by the laws of the Reich and the conditions of the second World War. Personally, I should not have forced expectant mothers to work but I must point out that in Russia, and even in Eastern Germany, it is usual for expectant mothers to work right up to the last." — Reuter.

VICTIMS KILLED BY FUMES

London, October 31.

A coroner's court heard today that fumes from their blazing aircraft killed five of the six victims of a plane crash last Friday.

The plane, owned by the Superior Oil Company of Los Angeles, crashed at London airport while attempting to take off in a fog. Dr. S. Keith, a pathologist, told the Kilburn Coroner's Court that the five died from inhaling "the products of combustion."

The pilot, Joseph Jordan, of Los Angeles, died of shock and haemorrhage, Dr. Keith said. The five other victims were Robert Allen, Vice President of Superior Oil Company, James Lewis, Los Angeles attorney, Sir Hugh Weightman, and W. J. Horne, officials of a London mining company, and radio officer Andre Cole, Seal Beach, California.

Earl Oscar Sivage of Cairo and Los Angeles, the co-pilot, was thrown free. He suffered face and leg lacerations.

The inquest was adjourned until November 21. — Associated Press.

SICK CHILDREN ABOARD SHIP

Melbourne, October 31.

Thirty sick children were taken to hospital when the International Refugee Organisation ship, Anna Salen, bringing 1,554 European immigrants from Naples, berthed here tonight.

Mostly under four years of age, they were reported to be suffering from measles, malnutrition and tonsillitis.

A seventh death among the children was reported earlier today. Three others had died during the voyage following an epidemic of measles and three after the ship arrived in Fremantle.

The IRO has already ordered an investigation into conditions aboard its ships carrying displaced persons to Australia. — Reuter.

DUKE'S YACHT GOING TO MALTA

London, October 31.

The 14,000-ton aircraft carrier Glory, which left Portsmouth today to join the Mediterranean Fleet, is taking the Duke of Edinburgh's small racing yacht (Cowslip) to Malta.

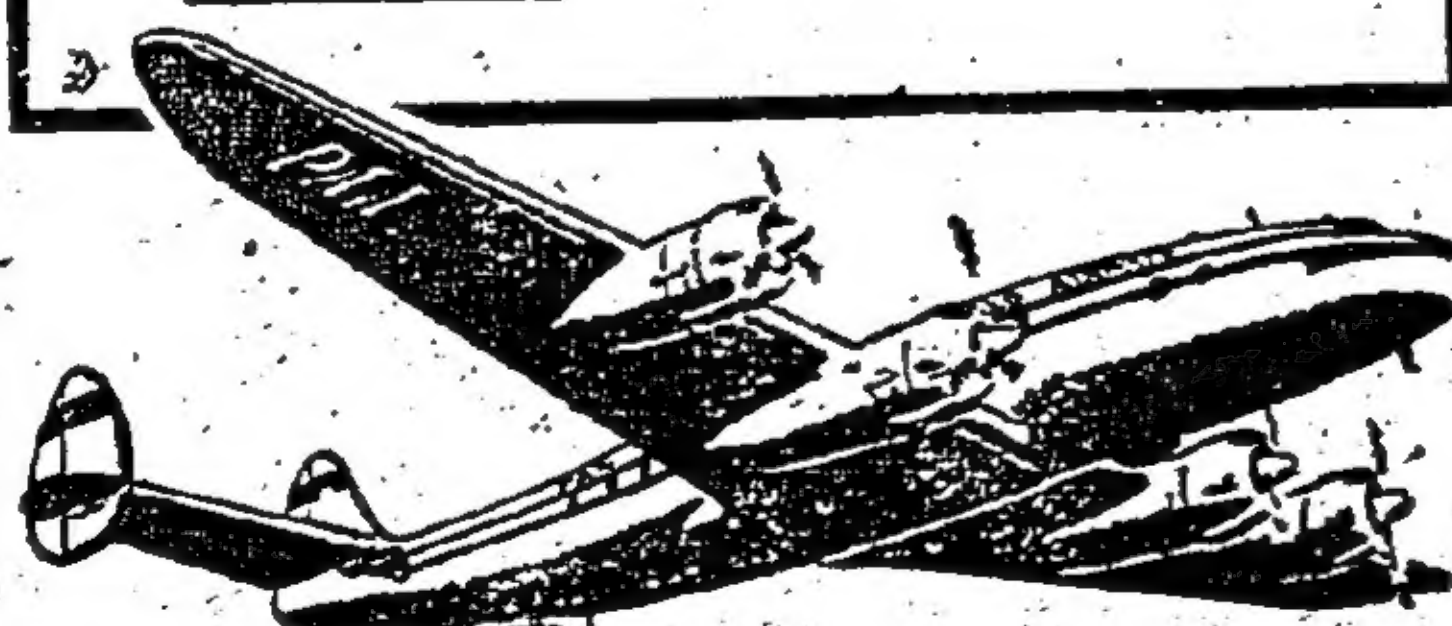
The Duke, who is First Lieutenant on HMS Chequers, will race the Cowslip in the Mediterranean. — Reuter.

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Mrs. Darinka Parker, Yugoslav wife of U.S. Army Master Sergeant James C. Parker of New York, is seen in Ennis County Hospital, County Clare, Ireland, with the baby son born to her 400 miles off Shannon Airport in an American Overseas Airlines Constellation bound from New York to Frankfurt, Germany, where her husband is stationed. She was aided at the birth by a fellow passenger, Dr. Fred Henschel, of New York, and the stewardess, Mary Jane Hinkley, of Melville, New Jersey. Mrs. Parker will name the baby Miodrag. (Associated Press Photo).

BRITISH CONSUMER ASKED TO ACCEPT LESS VARIETY

London, October 31.

British consumers are to be asked to accept less variety in the goods they buy to help the export drive.

A top-level team representing British industry, reporting today on a study tour it made of United States industry last summer, called on British manufacturers to stop worrying about giving the customer a wide choice.

Concentration on a few standardised products, the team reported, will boost total production and cut costs, giving ultimate advantage to producer and consumer.

The team was sent to America by the Anglo-American Council on Productivity to study how far simplification and standardisation had been successful there. It was headed by Major-General J. S. Crawford, Vice-President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, and the five other members included the technical director of the Federation of British Industries.

Its report describes the team's findings in New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Schenectady. At a diesel-electric locomotive plant it found that simplification had contributed to holding prices stable between 1939 and 1945, when material costs jumped 41 per cent, and labour costs 111 per cent.

The team reported that in the United States there was deliberate discouragement of any demand for variety by price dif-

ferentials. Advertising and sales method was directed to boosting the standardised product.

Ample Scope

The team believes that the American public likes it this way. "We believe that the consumer appreciates and expects the advantages of lower cost and greater availability so obtained," it stated.

And it believes that the British consumer can be persuaded to appreciate standardisation. "We are convinced that our own home market offers ample scope for similar development."

"The consumer benefits through lower prices and readier availability of supplies."

The team states its belief that in Britain "there are few, if any, firms which cannot benefit from simplification." It urges each industry to launch a survey "of the extent to which effort is being dissipated on undue variety" and to organise a constant exchange of information on how simplification and standardisation had led to greater achievement.

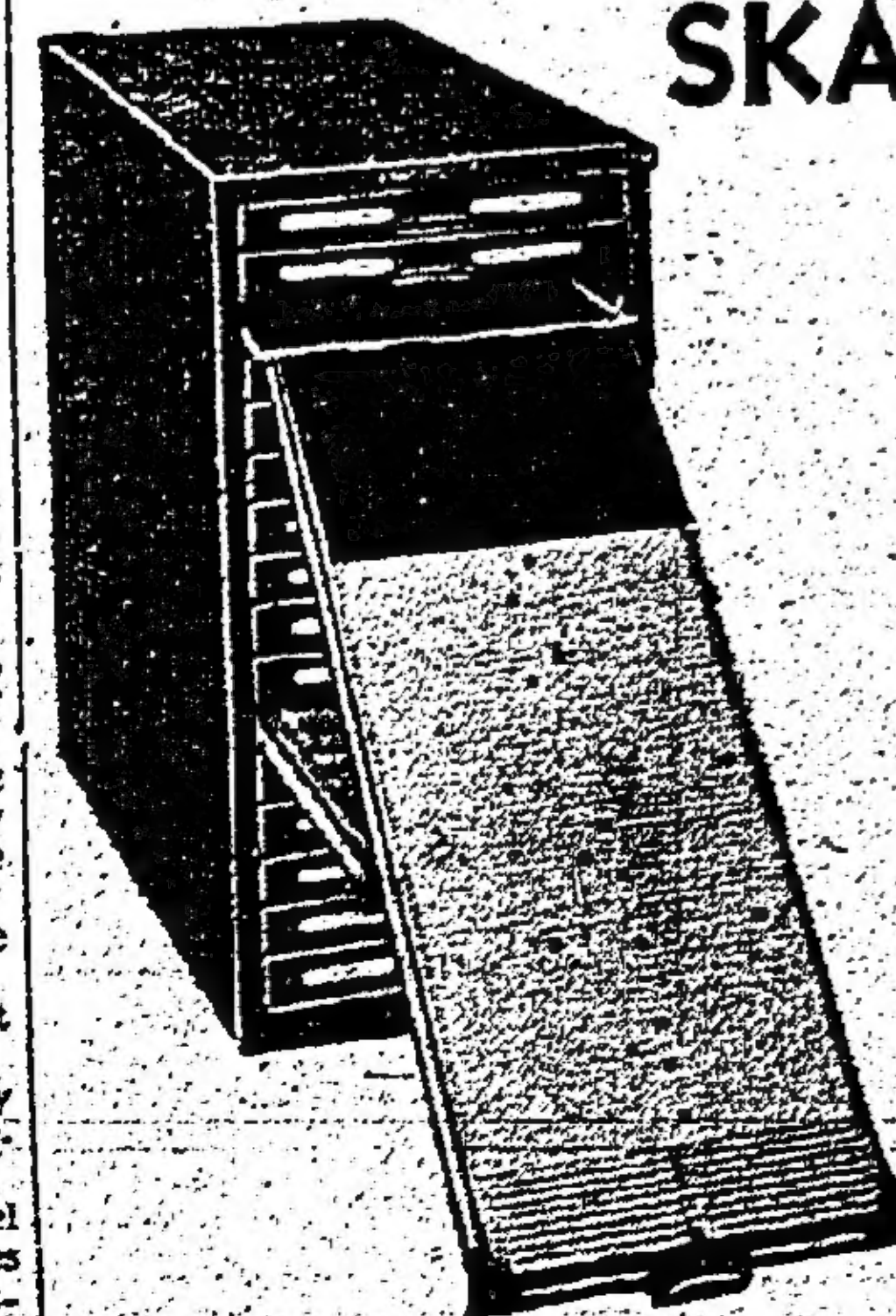
Controversial Section

One section of the report may prove controversial here.

It points out that Britain exports a far greater proportion of some products than does the United States, and "the demands of export markets are, therefore, of much greater significance in considering reduction of variety in the products of British industry than they are in America."

But the Americans had persuaded export customers to take the standard "home" product by "hard selling" of the advantages of such a course and the team suggests that British exporters might follow this course.

Hitherto, exporters here have been urged to style their products specially for the export markets, particularly when these are in North America.—Reuter.



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BRITAIN ATTACKS RUSSIANS' POLICY

Lake Success, October 31.

Mr. Hector McNeil, the British Minister of State, today accused the Soviet Union of making Greece a "tool of Soviet foreign policy with a cynical and an immoral disregard for the sufferings and aspirations of the Greek people."

Speaking in the United Nations Political Committee on the Soviet proposal for "settling" the Balkans issue, Mr. McNeil made these points:

General amnesty: "This is very desirable but it seems to me that it is primarily a matter for the Greek Government to decide when they are in a position to grant such relaxations of security measures as are consistent with security."

"I doubt if Mr. Vyshinsky would appreciate the Assembly recommending to the Soviet Government that they should grant an amnesty to some of the political prisoners which, for doubtless the best reasons, he has been instrumental in committing to prison."

Elections: "I am sure that the Greek Government will, in due course, announce its intention of holding free elections." Mr. McNeil, however, emphasised that owing to the hostilities the present Greek electoral rolls were "hopelessly out of date" and serious revisions would be required before genuine elections could be held.

On the Soviet demand that "democratic circles" should be included in the Greek electoral body, Mr. McNeil said that it was obviously the intention of the Soviet Union to put into "legal opposition" those rebels who had failed to overthrow the Greek Government illegally.

Not Entitled

"Their record of illegal opposition does not entitle them to their place in legal opposition," he declared.

Mr. Vyshinsky had also asked that the elections be supervised by representatives of the Great Powers, including the Soviet Union.

Mr. McNeil said that in 1946 the Soviet-Union was invited to supervise the Greek elections but had refused to participate on the grounds "that it was opposed in principle to the supervision of national elections by foreign States."

The reason for that attitude was that at that time "a different kind of election" was to take place in Bulgaria and Rumania and Mr. Vyshinsky did not want Allied observers to see what went on.

Mr. McNeil said the "imposed supervision" of elections was "a new precedent in the diplomatic history of free independent countries."

"It cannot be imposed. It can only be undertaken at the invitations of the Government concerned. Now the Greek Government may find it desirable to have international approval for any new elections, but it is not for me nor for Mr. Vyshinsky to suggest such a course to the Greek Government."

A Violation

Joint Commissions: There was already the United Nations Balkans Commission, designed to control the frontiers between Greece and her Northern neighbours.

The Soviet Union and Poland had seats on the Commission, but refused to participate in its work.

For all these reasons the Soviet proposals regarding a Balkan settlement were unacceptable, Mr. McNeil declared. They were a violation of that article of the Charter which forbade interference in the domestic affairs of States.

Dealing with the Balkans Commission's report on border incidents, Mr. McNeil said that it contained ample evidence of the moral or material aid given to the Greek guerrillas by Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and, particularly, Albania.—Reuter.

THEODOR HEUSS IN BERLIN

Berlin, October 31.

Professor Theodor Heuss, President of West Germany, on his first official visit to Berlin, today told a cheering crowd of 100,000 that Berlin would again be the capital of a united Germany some day.

Professor Heuss, addressing a rally outside the City Hall, in the United States sector, said, "We have all sorts of difficulties in the West. We have the occupation statute, economic problems and the Ruhr problem but we have no concentration camps!"—Reuter.

"All reports concerning the ulterior plans of the Commission are entirely without foundation," the Commission declared.—Reuter.

Bethlehem Steel Strike Settled

Cleveland, October 31.

CIO President Philip Murray tonight announced the settlement of the steel workers' strike against Bethlehem Steel Corporation on the basis of a \$100 monthly pension agreement for 80,000 workers.

Mr. Murray said an agreement had been reached but delayed an explanation of the details of the terms.

He said he would give the details at a news conference later. It was the first break in the month-old walk-out in the nation's steel industry.

In Washington, the Government mediator, Cyrus S. Ching, expressed hope that the Bethlehem settlement would lead to industrial peace in the steel industry generally at a very early date.

Mr. Ching said that Bethlehem and the steel workers have demonstrated that in a free industrial society employers and unions, using voluntary procedures and avoiding the necessity of their Government employing coercive measures, can settle their own disputes, however wide the differences between them may be.—Associated Press.

PREMIER RECEIVES REPORT

London, October 31.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has received the report of a special committee which has been investigating the activities of "contact men," it was learned today.

The Committee was set up as a result of last year's judicial enquiry into allegations of corruption in Government departments, at which Sydney Stanley, now in Israel, was key witness.

Mr. John Belcher, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, who also gave evidence at the enquiry, resigned his Government office during the proceedings and later his seat in Parliament.

The Prime Minister's special committee was told to discover how far outside people were making a business of acting as intermediaries between Government departments and the public, especially in submitting applications for licences and permits.

It was asked to report on whether such activities were liable to give rise to abuse and to make recommendations.

Mr. Attlee has yet to decide whether or not to publish the report of the committee which included former civil servants and a trade union representative.—Reuter.

SOUTH AMERICA WANTS AID

New York, October 31.

Dr. Mauricio Nabuco, the Brazilian Ambassador to Washington, today urged the United States to grant financial aid to Latin American countries.

Addressing the American National Convention of Foreign Traders, Dr. Nabuco described Latin America as "about the only part of the world which is now stable."

He said that the United States and Brazilian Governments were "very near to a satisfactory solution of plans for reciprocal agreements guaranteeing loans and exchange of investments."—Reuter.

EGYPT PLANNING SHAKE-UP

Cairo, October 31.

Egypt is planning changes among her diplomatic representatives in Europe, the well informed "La Bourse Egyptienne" reported.

It quoted informed sources as saying that planned changes include:

Appointment of Aly Chawki Bey, Counselor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to be Minister Plenipotentiary at the Egyptian Embassy, Paris.

Promotion of Albert Mansour Bey, Counselor to the London Embassy, to Minister Plenipotentiary.

Nomination of Adly Andros Bey, former Director of the European Administration of the Royal Cabinet, as Minister Plenipotentiary in Greece.

Transfer of Iskandar el Wahabi Bey, Minister to Holland, to a similar post in Austria.

Transfer of Mohamed Aly el Sadek, Charge d'Affaires at Vienna, to Holland where he would be Minister Plenipotentiary.

Transfer of Anis Azer Bey, Minister to Athens, to a similar post in Moscow.

Nomination of Hassan Aziz Bey, Counselor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to be Charge d'Affaires at Lisbon.

Appointment of a Charge d'Affaires to the legation in South Africa. He was not named.

Transfer of Ahmed Fathy Plakkad Bey, Minister to Portugal, to Belgrade.

Transfer of Aly Fahmy el Amroussi Bey, Charge d'Affaires in Saudi, to Bucharest.—Associated Press.

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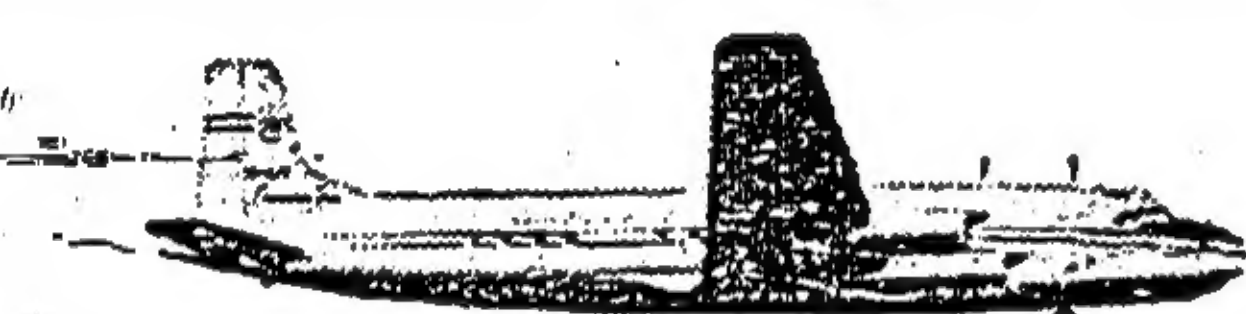
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NEW CHINA

Some of those who love China and hate Communism have recently been wondering if any good will come out of the new order. It is true that the Peiping government is basically totalitarian and intends, at least at present, to eliminate all "capitalist, imperialist and reactionary elements" with a view to the formation of a Marxist state. The question is, however, what they actually will achieve.

The Chinese Communists, it is being said, are unlikely to succeed in their aim of forming a dictatorship of the proletariat on the Soviet model. The character and tradition of the people are too strong, and by the time the enormous problems of rehabilitation have been tackled, events will have watered down the extremes of collectivisation and the like.

This view maintains that co-operation with the Western world is inevitable, with its concomitant exchange of ideas. China will not be a closed country for long, and the influence of the outside world is bound to have its effect on the new regime.

For the moment, Mao's administration is probably more democratic than any China has ever had, and if he succeeds in welding the nation together, eliminating the decay of moral virtues in public and private life, he may easily win at least the tacit support of the people. In such an event the necessity for a police state might disappear. This is possibly wishful thinking, but it is at least an interesting hypothesis.

U.S. Strikes

Yesterday's news that a settlement has been reached in the strike at Bethlehem Steel will be welcomed in the United States. The strikes in the steel and coal industries have inflicted serious damage on the national economy. In the case of the coal strike the dominating personality of Mr. John L. Lewis plays, as usual, an important role. He has already succeeded in getting for his miners, besides large pay increases, the most ample welfare provisions ever granted in America. Now he wants a still larger employers' contribution, as well as shorter hours and higher pay.

President Truman, who had been credited with the intention to intervene, has been in a somewhat difficult situation. Active intervention would almost certainly involve invoking the Taft-Hartley Labour Act, which was originally passed over his veto, which he has frequently condemned, and which he has unsuccessfully tried to get repealed. His attempt at arbitration failed but his wait and see policy seems to have succeeded. The settlement at Bethlehem is the first "break" in the employers' front, and settlements with the other companies can be expected to follow. It is hoped that this will be the case, for so much hangs on the stability of the American economy that what would normally seem a matter of purely domestic concern has vastly larger significance.

ARABS KILLED

Haifa, October 31. An Israeli police patrol killed three members of an Arab gang in a gun battle in Western Galilee. The rest of the 20-strong gang escaped. The Lebanese border. The dead Arabs were reported to be the leaders of a gang recently operating on the North-South frontier. Associated Press.

Yugoslavia Will Exploit Her Mines

By ERIC BOURNE

New sources of molybdenum, the rare ore used for hardening steel, have been discovered in Southern Serbia in such quantities that in two years, according to claims by Yugoslav experts, production will rank second only to output from American mines.

These experts, writing in the Belgrade newspaper "Borba", said that the lack of modernisation before the war and the destruction of the mines by the Germans on the eve of their withdrawal had prevented earlier attempts to explore the real resources of the old mine in the Mochanitsa area South of Nis.

Since the war, they said, the mine had been exploited—still without any but the most primitive mechanism—for export, principally to the USSR at a world market price which was actually much lower than the cost of production.

"Foreign buyers, including the USSR," the paper said, "did not pay for even half the sweat of our miners and our industry was too weak to prepare the raw ore."

Reconstruction

But now, reconstruction work planned over the past 18 months was beginning, "Borba" reported, and by 1951 new installations and the mechanisation of old and new workings would be completed, enabling the Yugoslavs to reduce production costs and at the same time provide their economy with all the molybdenum it requires.

Transport is to be improved by the building of a 10-mile road linking the mines with the principal communications centre in the district, and a three-mile tunnel is to be driven through the hills to ensure all-year-round access to the mines, which are often cut off by winter snows.

Western experts here confirm the likely existence in Southern Serbia of large deposits of molybdenum and say there is no reason why, if the mines can be thoroughly mechanised and equipped, Yugoslav expectations should not be fully realised. It would be some years, however, before quantities mined would provide an exportable surplus after all the needs of Yugoslavia's expanding industries had been met.

Manufacturing Aid

Another hint that the Yugoslavs intend to develop their present negligible armaments industry is given by "Borba", which points out that molybdenum is essential for the manufacture of delicate machinery, machine-tools "and arms."

Specialists, the paper added, are now exploring the mountains adjacent to the Mochanitsa area, and first investigations at greater depths were already said to have indicated resources considered in excess of the extensive and rich deposits so far located nearer the surface at the old workings.

The United States possesses the bulk of the world's supply of molybdenum. Other considerable deposits are in Soviet Asia and China. The latter's resources have never been properly explored or exploited. Only other mines, after the Yugoslav, are in Norway.

Science And Religion

When the first atom bomb burst on the world, a good many people said: Modern science has begun to destroy modern man. Some of them added: "In ignoring God, modern man has ignored the only force capable of controlling his own perverted ingenuity."

We have got used to the bomb since then. The self-destruction which seemed to threaten a soulless technological civilisation has been pushed into the background of thought. The jaunty faith in "scientific method" has reasserted itself.

The trouble, we are told, is not with the discoveries of the nuclear scientists but with the lag in achievement by the social scientists and "behavioural engineers." Given sufficient support, they can still save us, we are assured.

A writer in the "Christian Century" reports that he finds on the American campus a continuing faith that the sciences can solve all men's problems if given a chance. But instead of bewailing this exaltation of "science" above "religion," he declares: "In my belief there is one way for the church to increase the effectiveness of the gospel on the university campus, which has been sparingly used. That is to bring the scientific method directly into the life of the church and keep it there. Why should the disciplines of the House of God be more lax than the disciplines of the laboratory? Here is a healthy attitude. Re-

AN EXPERIMENT IN SE ASIA ENDING

Yesterday's announcement that the South East Asia Liaison Officers will hold the last of their regular meetings next week in Phoenix Park, Singapore, headquarters of the Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in South-East Asia, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, forebodes the ending of one of the most interesting and successful experiments in post-war international co-operation. Established in the immediate aftermath of the war, the LOMs were set up to co-ordinate the efforts of South East Asia, with their agricultural production and communications dangerously disrupted by years of enemy occupation, seemed to be facing starvation.

The LOMs, as they have come to be known, have witnessed in the space of little more than three years a great improvement in the food situation. And without undue immodesty these Liaison Officers, who number in their ranks representatives from Burma, Ceylon, China, India, Indo-China, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore, as well as the United Kingdom, may claim that they have contributed not a little to this improvement. In their work they always received the ready assistance of representatives of Australia.

In describing the characteristics of the LOMs as a "unique" experiment to employ that over-worked adjective, "unique," for unlike other international organisations, they were born not of a carefully nurtured plan but of stark, immediate necessity—the necessity to meet the threat of starvation.

In addition they form an organisation which has no constitution and no power of compulsion, an organisation which has owed its success entirely to the good will and good sense of its members and to the frank and informal atmosphere of its deliberations which has produced from all sides the mutual concessions and sacrifices which were essential if South East Asia was to weather its economic storms.

Killearn's Task

The story starts with the appointment by the British Government early in 1946 of Lord Killearn as Special Commissioner for the United Kingdom in South East Asia. He was given both a general and an economic mandate but at the time the latter was the more urgent to fight with all the means at his disposal the threatened famine Lord Killearn came to Singapore with an economic counsellor, a food adviser and a transport adviser, and found others who were working with the military authorities on the spot. This team which included one who is still with the Commission-General, Dr. William Clyde, head of the Economic Organisation, and since October, 1947, chairman of the LOMs, got down to work immediately, and two food conferences were called in March and April.

At the second of these it was decided that a liaison link between the countries of the area, to co-ordinate economic activity and distribution of essential supplies was necessary. At first it was planned to form an "Emergency Council" of experts, one from each territory, who would be stationed permanently in Singapore. The idea was discarded with reluctance but an alternative suggestion that there should be frequent liaison between the countries concerned was readily adopted. For this purpose it was decided that monthly meetings should be held in Singapore to review the supply situation in each territory and discuss the many other problems of a social and economic nature which must be solved before South East Asia could be put on its feet again and set on the path to prosperity and a rising standard of living. Without intimate international co-operation neither of these essentials would be possible. The first of the meetings was held in July, 1946.

In the summer of 1946 wartime forms of economic co-operation were giving way everywhere to requirements based on the requirements of peace. In Singapore the Office of the Special Commissioner had taken over from the South East Asia Command many of its functions, and about the same time the Combined Food Board, a product of the critical war years when Nazi submarines and planes were taking a heavy toll of Allied food ships, was based in Washington. The Board had been responsible for the allocation of rice, and this function was now taken over by the rice committee of the International Emergency Food Council. To assist it in its work

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A scientific age asks for results. It is up to the spiritual thinker to prove himself the best "behavioural engineer."

the latter established a sub-Committee in Singapore, in the heart of the highest rice exporting and importing area in the world.

Rice Supply

This "sub-Committee on Rice for South East Asia" met for the first time in October, 1946, and has been under the chairmanship of Dr. Clyde since September, 1947. There was, however, no question of the LOMs being a kind of "international umbrella" raised over that sturdy if youthful body, and representatives of the various countries henceforth came to Singapore in a dual capacity as members of the sub-committee "to discuss and supervise the carrying out of the Washington rice allocations, and as Liaison Officers to deliberate about the general food situation, including rice, and to consider what further progress might be made by joint effort. This division of responsibility has persisted through the years.

It is not the purpose of this narrative to give a detailed account of how the rice supply situation has progressed with the assistance of the LOM but it is worth recalling that the records of their early meetings are filled with urgent appeals from hard-pressed Governments for rice, with stories of empty rice godowns and of countries subsisting on a "ship-to-mouth" basis and of warnings that slender rations must be cut further unless advance shipments were forthcoming. The LOMs had in fact been in existence for more than a year before the situation appeared to be reasonably under control. Today things are better, but if anyone should try to delude himself that we are back to the pre-war normal, let him bear in mind the following. At their very first meeting in July 1946 the Liaison Officers were instrumental in diverting the steamer Craigaur, which was about to leave an Australian port for Malaya with 9,500 tons of flour, to Ceylon, an action which enabled that country to maintain its ration at the level pertaining. And at their penultimate meeting in October they were able to arrange for 15,000 tons of rice, some of which was earmarked for Malaya, to be diverted to Ceylon, where the ration has been threatened by the failure of other sources of supply. These are just two examples of the sort of action that has been taken at these meetings.

While public attention has understandably been focussed on the LOMs' work on rice supplies, there were many other important aspects to their work. Coal and edible oils were two vital commodities for the regional allocation of which they have been responsible and in their early days they were much concerned with the priority of supplies, countries which felt a critical need for certain commodities would appeal to the Liaison Officers who were able to exert influence in getting priorities changed. But in no field have they done more valuable work than in the sponsoring of technical conferences, designed to restore and raise the standards of living in the area, of which the recommendations will certainly have a lasting influence on future social and economic development.

Social Welfare

Just as the idea of the LOMs was born of necessity rather than of long planning, so did the calling of these technical conferences arise directly out of immediate needs. A good example was the Nutrition Conference held in the summer of 1947. It was reasoned that while rice supplies were the first essential, the health and well-being of the peoples of South East Asia depended on much more than that. It was impossible to compute even roughly how much damage had been done by the rigours of the Occupation years, and it was essential to know how things stood and to institute immediate remedial measures if the new generation was to grow up in good health. In addition rice supplies were still so precarious that there appeared to be an urgent need for a "shadow plan" for the production of alternative food-stuffs to be quickly available in the event of failure of the rice crop. Government experts were invited to a Nutrition Conference at Singapore and the report which resulted from their deliberations has formed a starting point for work which the Food and Agriculture Organisation had since done on nutrition in Asia.

Another subject to be tackled in this way was Social Welfare, and this too fitted into the pattern. As Lord Killearn, the Special Commissioner, pointed out in his speech of welcome to the delegates, they generally met to discuss rice but, as far as South East Asia was concerned, it was really only a short step from the general welfare of the people to the welfare of 20 nations and 12 international organisations met for five days in the Special Commissioner's Office in the Connaught Building, and one cannot but be struck by the scope of their work than by the modesty of the subjects discussed, common topics being the care of widows and orphans, public education, or nutritional questions.

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Recently another conference, arising from a suggestion made at the LOM, was held—this time on phyto-sanitary and plant protection matters. As a result a draft Phyto-Sanitary Convention was agreed upon and submitted to the United Nations. Economically this is a matter of vital importance to the region.

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U.N. Responsibility

In these and many other ways the Liaison Officers, together with the assistance of the Special Commissioner's Office and latterly of the Commission-General, have been labouring for over three years in the cause of increased food supplies and a higher standard of living and health for the peoples of Asia.

The reasons for the ending of these LOMs are various and cumulative. Firstly, much of the early work concerned export matters, and as has already been shown, these largely ceased when the world's economy broke away from some of its wartime bonds. Secondly, and of more immediate concern, the system of global rice allocations is coming to an end on December 31. This means the automatic dissolution of the rice sub-committee and with it disappears much of the LOMs' routine work. Thirdly, the Food and Agriculture Organisation and other United Nations bodies are assuming responsibility for some part of the special work which was begun in Singapore.

Nevertheless, although these particular Liaison meetings are to end, the Economic Organisation of the U.K. Commission-General will continue to function as it always has done and to contribute, if not through LOMs, then by whatever other methods are appropriate to the economic and social rehabilitation of the region, and to assist the regional representatives of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations in the task of developing international co-operation in practical and technical matters. And so, it is hoped, the work of international co-operation begun in South East Asia on a modest scale by the LOMs will not only continue but expand. Even now plans which have the hearty blessing of the FAO, are at an advanced stage for a conference on "rice-milling—one of South East Asia's major nutritional problems. Other such conferences or consultations may be called in future. At the present juncture in the affairs of the world nothing is more important than that countries should plan together and co-ordinate the development of their economic and social life.

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Life in the Philippines gets more exciting every day.

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All this China civil war business is becoming very confusing...

Family portrait.

Why, is it, that the husband always finds the rear-view mirror in the car pivoted away from him?

Two chaps were having a spot in the bar. "Yes," said one, "I arrived home last night at midnight and saw a stranger kissing my wife. I closed the door softly and hurried out again. At 1 a.m. I returned quietly and there was the stranger still kissing my wife. So I went out again. At 1.15..."

"Just a minute," interrupted the other man. "Why did you keep going outside? Why didn't you walk straight into the room?"

The first man frowned. "What?" he cried. "And have my wife catch me coming home at that hour?"

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"In a motor collision on Hennessy Road, a Ford sedan sustained a cut on the nose and a bruise on the side, but declined medical aid."

A correspondent recalls that as a schoolboy, he was severely censored for refusing to sit for an examination.

This made him feel even less inclined to sit for an examination.

An American journalist says the British have become a slow-motion nation.

There are statistics to prove this.

Just a soupçon.

"Covered with confusion, the stout gentleman stopped speaking and submerged himself in his soup."

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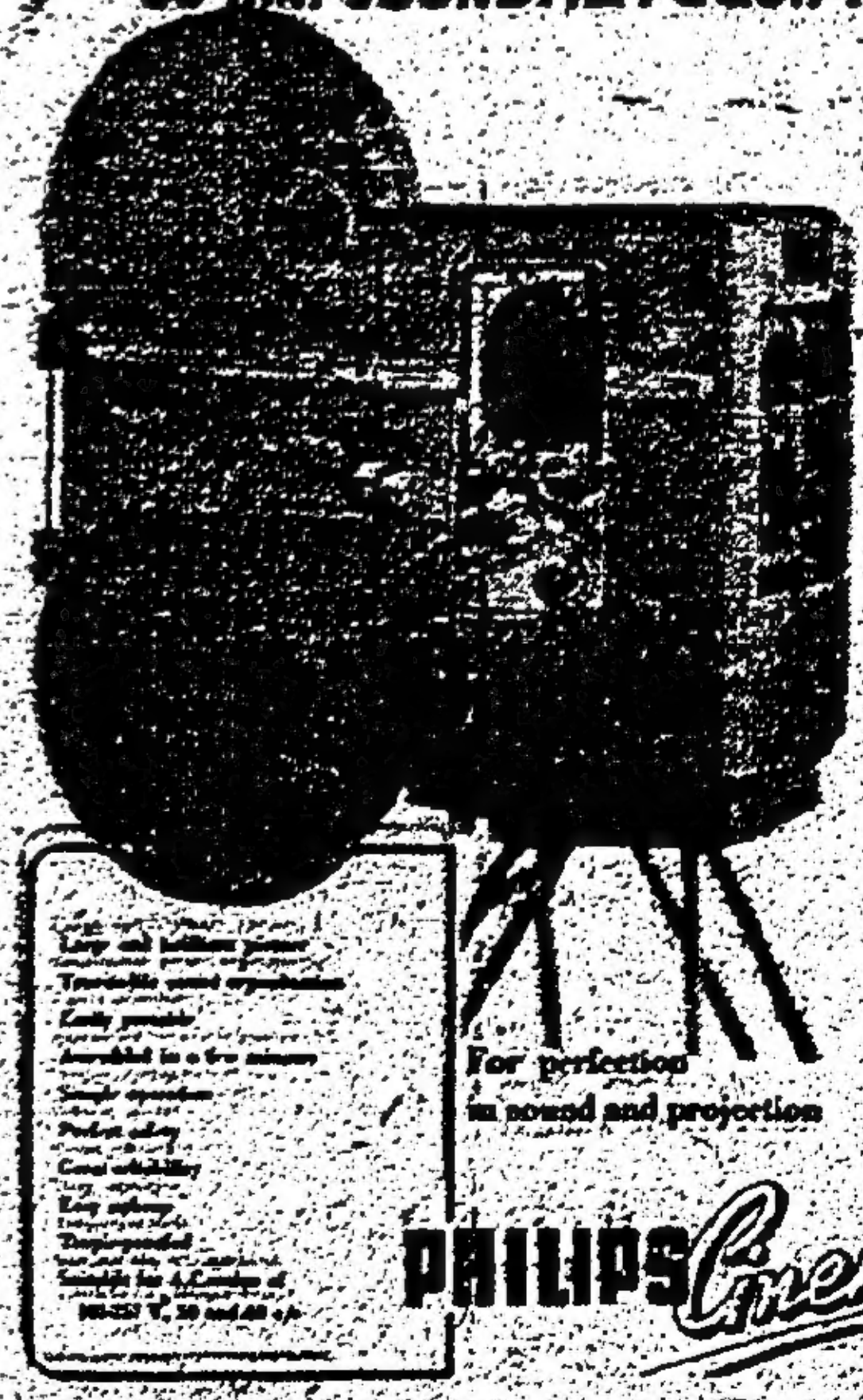
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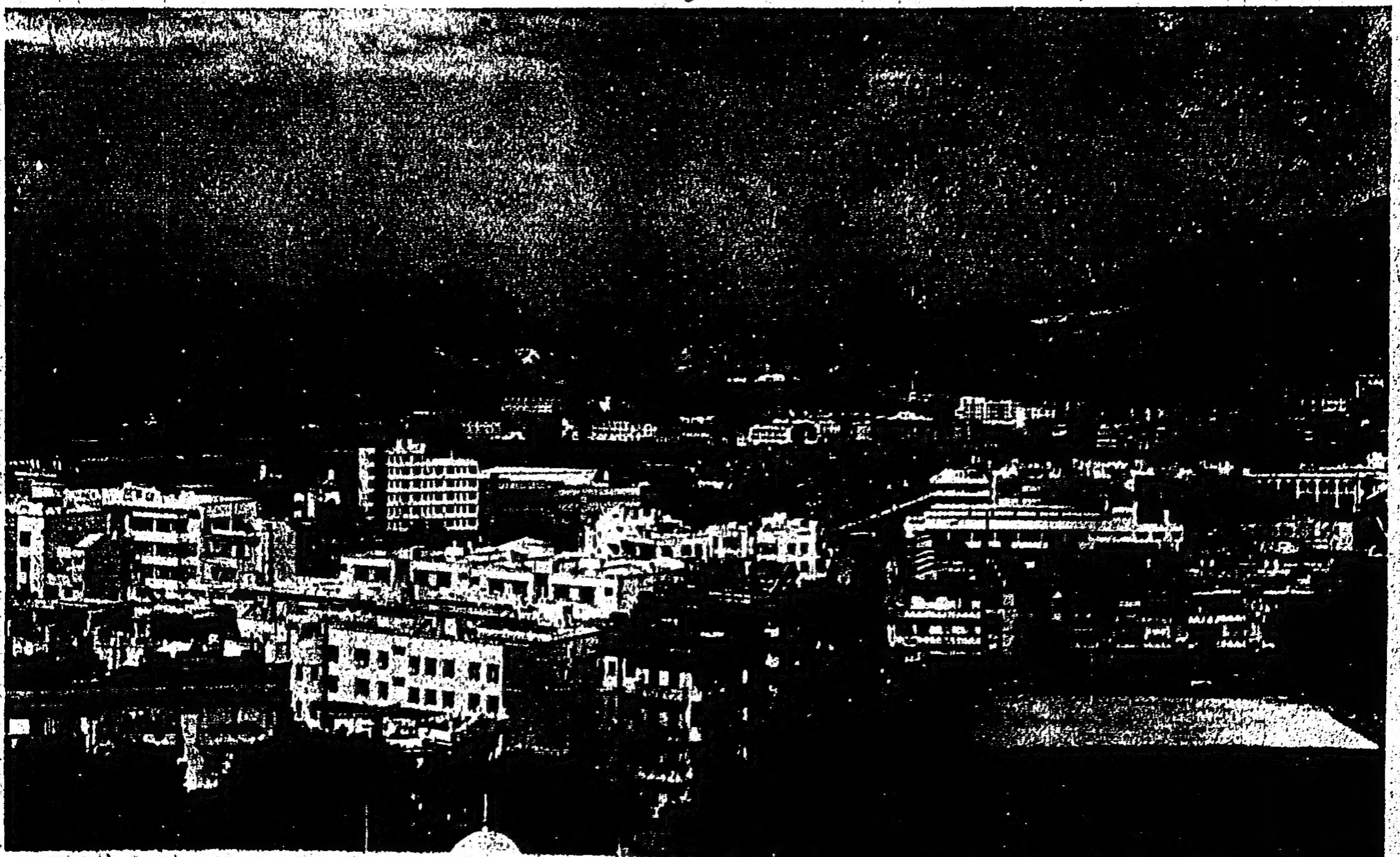
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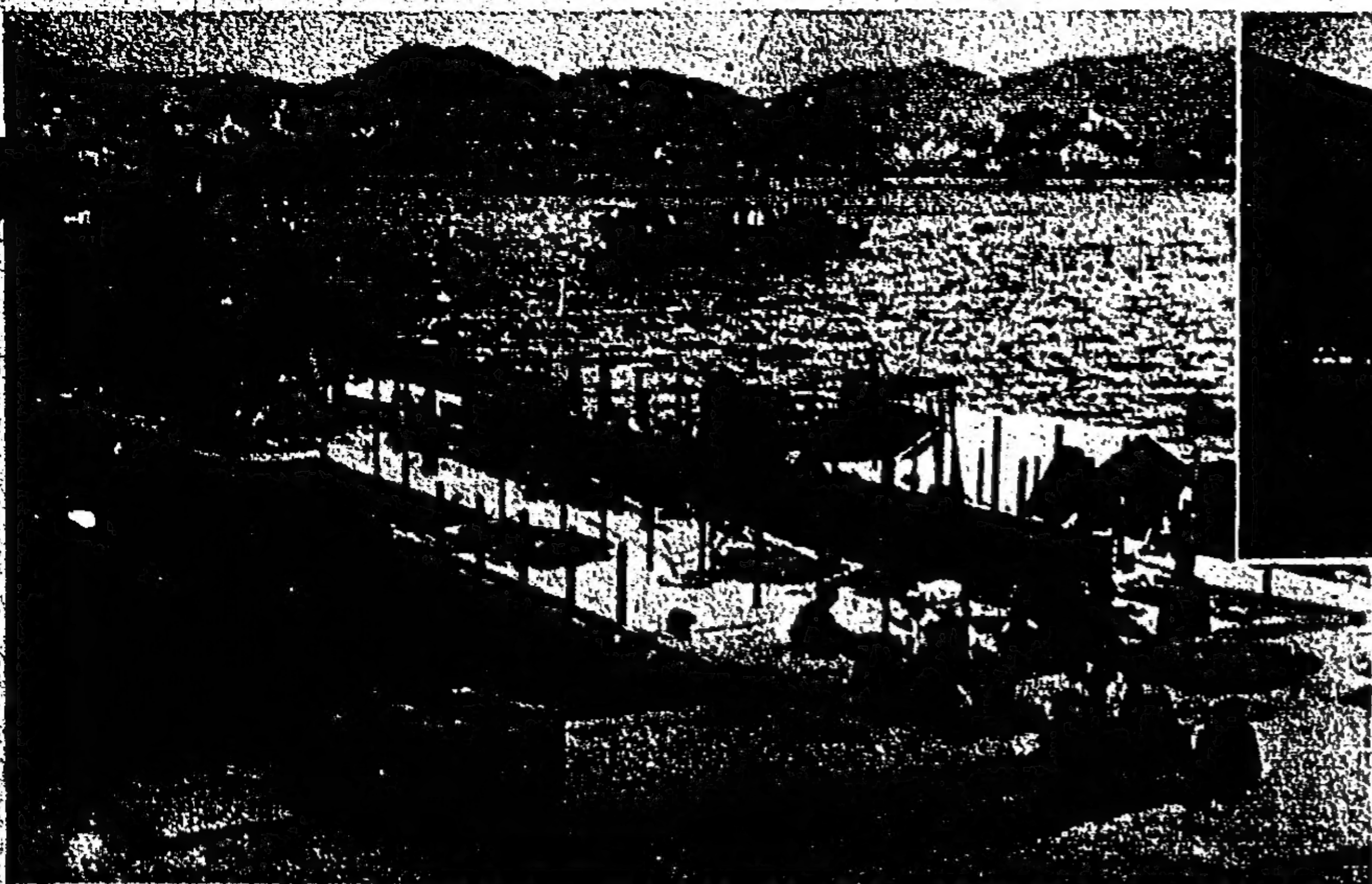
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Taken from the top of the terminus building of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, this exclusive "China Mail" picture shows the imposing Peninsula Hotel structure facing the harbour. On the right of the Hotel is the European YMCA.

Below is a general view of the Causeway Bay District taken from Caroline Hill—"China Mail" photo.





The new ferry pier now under construction at the junction of Gloucester and Tonnochy roads, Wanchai, for the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company, Limited. The additional island-mainland ferry service is expected to be opened this month.—"China Mail" photo.



One of the scenes in the Garrison Players' recent stage production, "The Shop at Sly Corner."—"Mayfair" studio.



"Yam Sing!" In English it is "bottoms Up!" Friends and business associates drink to the health of Mr. G. Thompson, at the dinner party given by Caudron and Company recently.—"Ming Yuen" studio.



Business friends and associates were entertained at a dinner party by K. Caudron and Company at the Kam Iboing Restaurant last week. The guest of honour was Mr. G. Thompson, Foreign Inspector, for some 14 French manufacturers represented in Hong Kong by Caudron.—"Ming Yuen" studio.



Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Chan and a group of friends and relatives. The couple were married at St. Mary's Church. The bride was the former Miss D. Kan.—King's studio.



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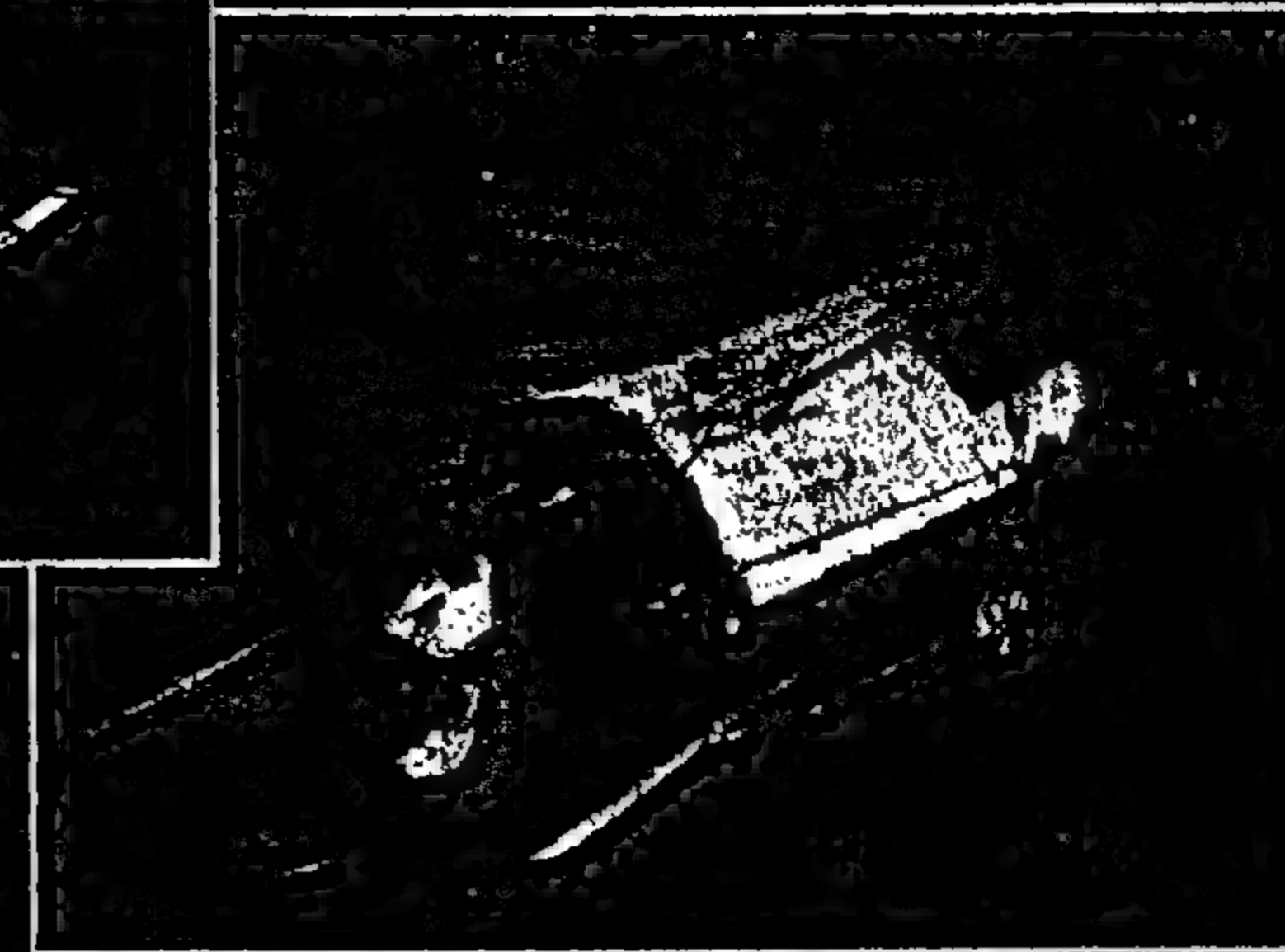
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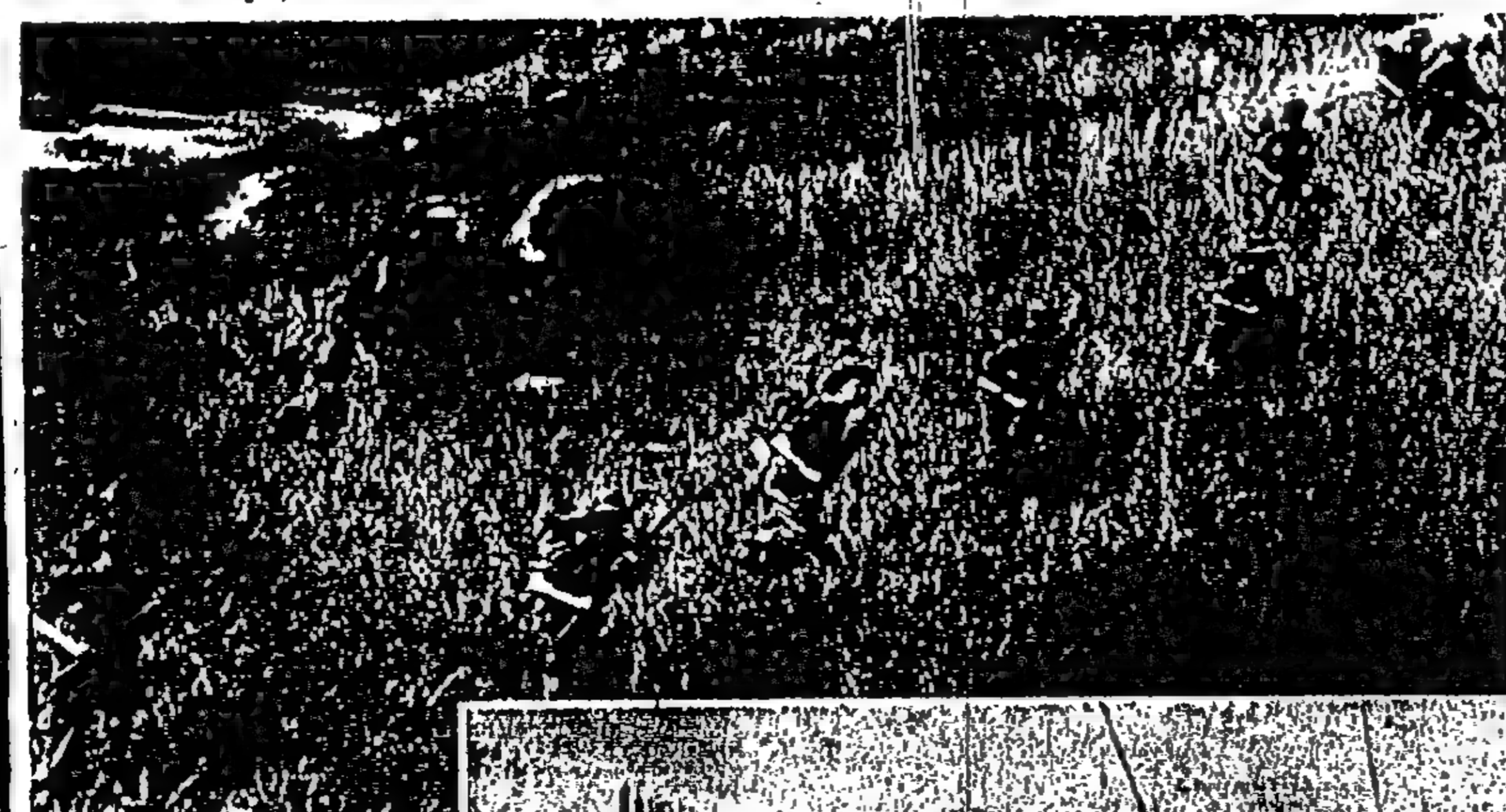


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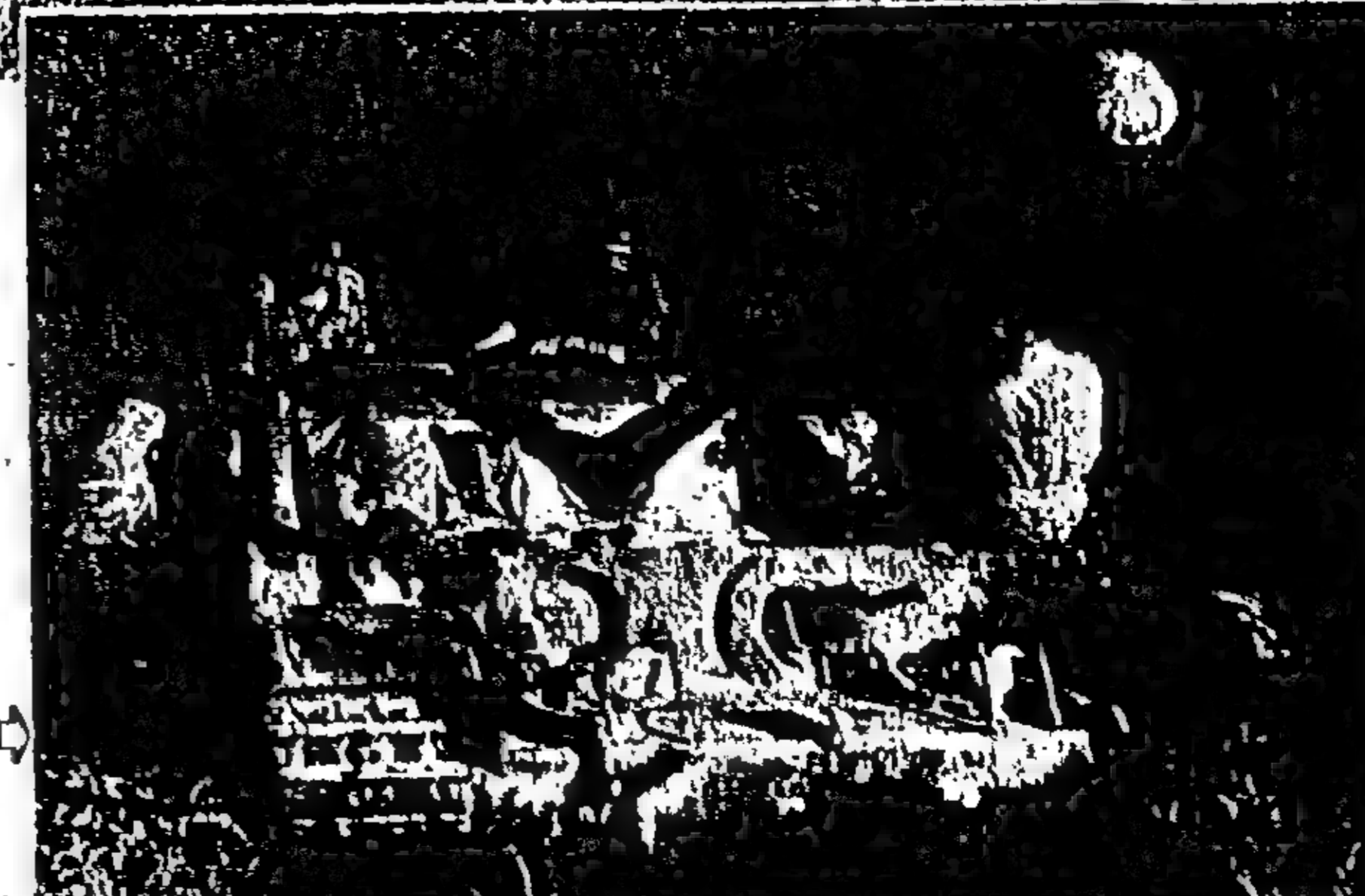
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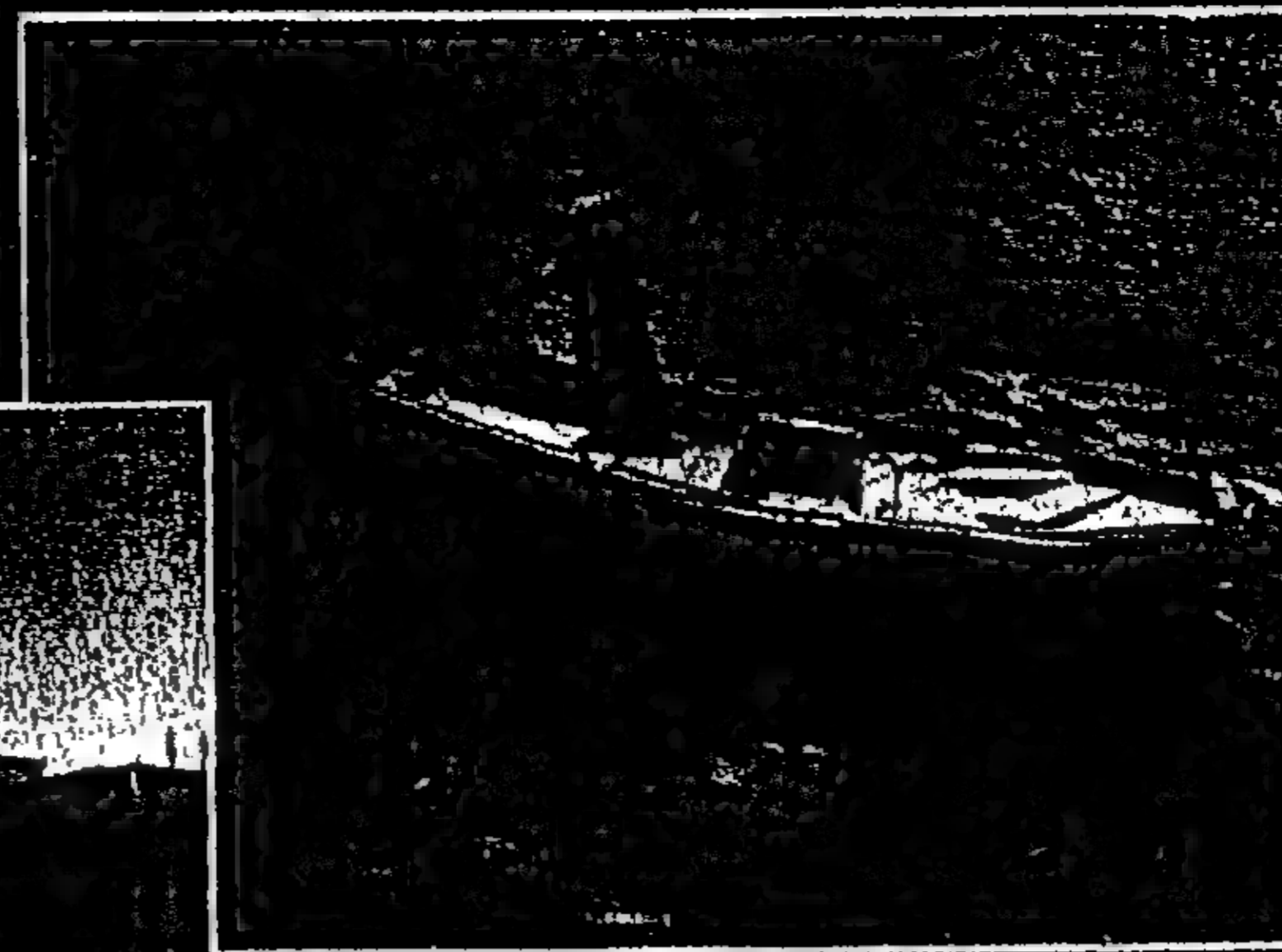
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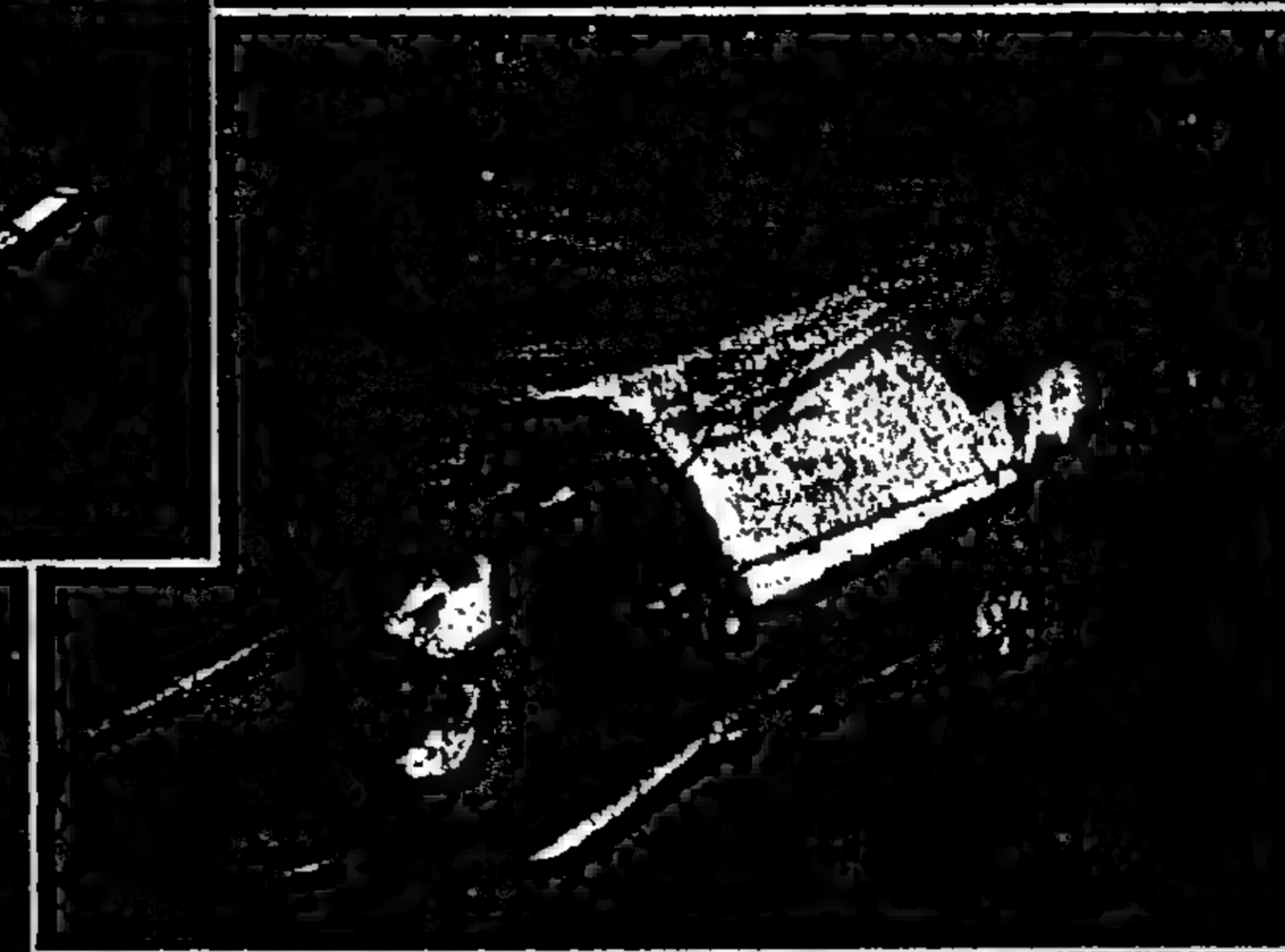
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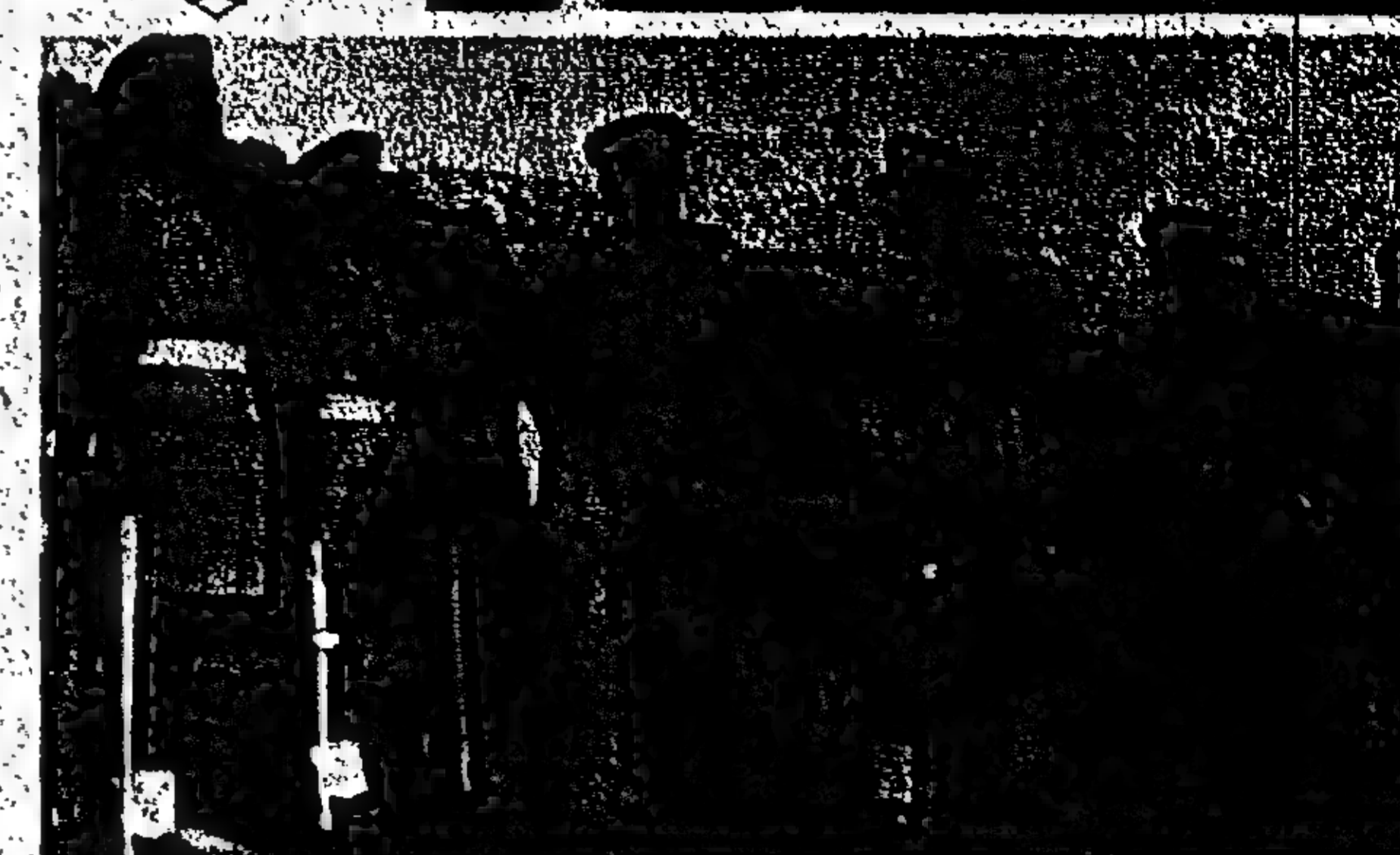


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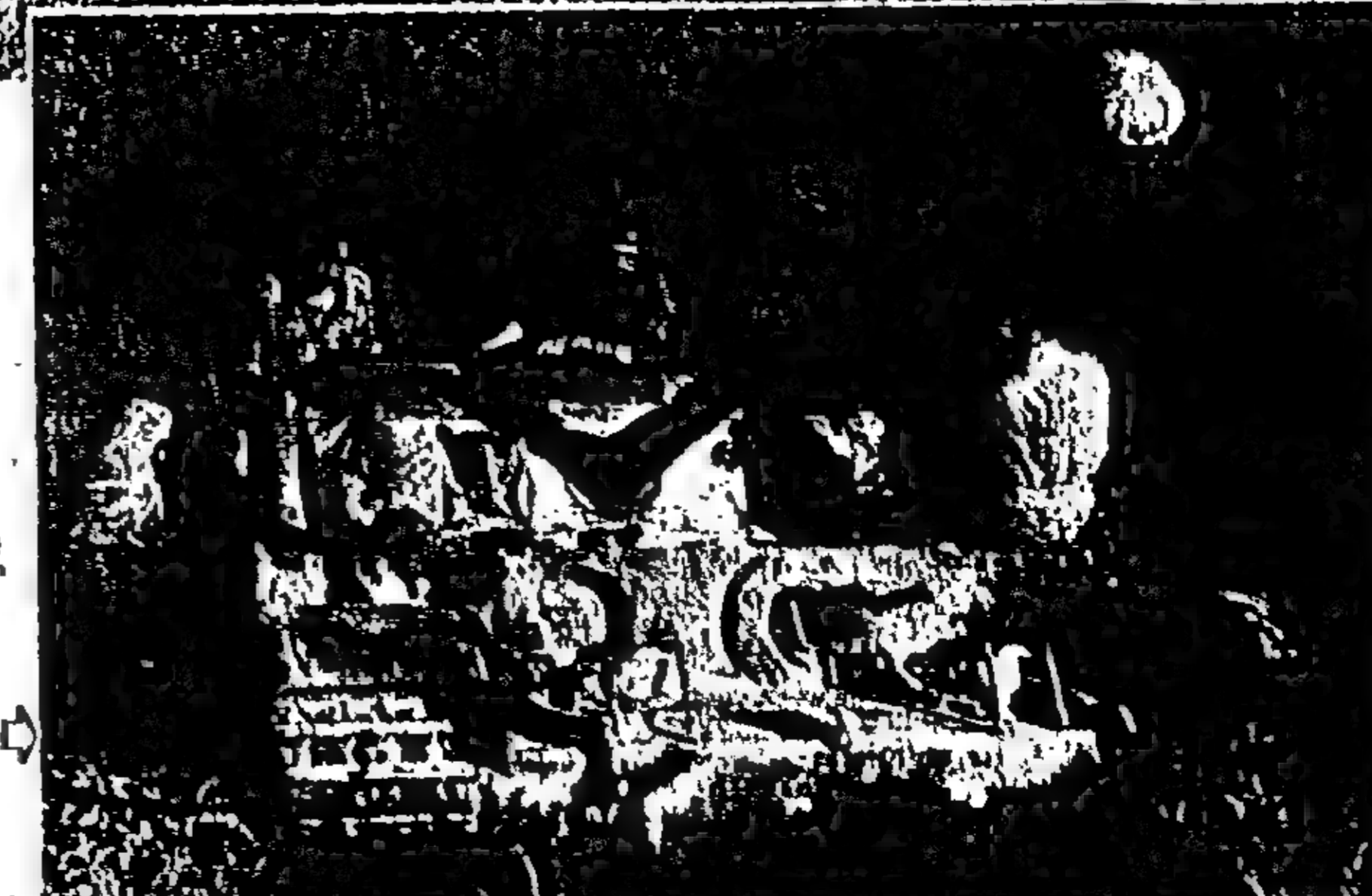
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FATE OF MYSTERY AIRCRAFT

Cairo, October 31. Egyptian planes found no trace today of three Russian airmen whose mystery plane crashed-landed in the Mediterranean near Tobruk last Saturday.

The search continued but hope faded. Nothing has been heard from the missing Soviet fliers since they radioed an urgent appeal for aid on Saturday. Their mission was a mystery to local officials.

Some aviation circles here believe that the plane took off originally from Albania for an unknown destination and became lost in foul weather. They said the first message from the plane identified it only as "plane-ELAM" in distress and preparing to crash-land.

But in the second distress call, on Sunday, the Russians identified themselves and said they were surrounded by sharks and indicated they were drifting on wreckage or on a raft. Cairo aviation sources believe that the final message came from a radio set on the raft.

British RAF planes joined the search although both British and Egyptian Air Force officials refused to comment.—United Press.

Difficult Task In Germany

Mineral Wells, Texas, October 31.

Mr. Henry A. Byrde, the newly-appointed Director of German and Austrian Affairs in the State Department, said today that a Germany "safe to live with" was the most difficult task in the American foreign policy.

The danger of a resurgent Nazism could only be met by "leading all the assistance in our power" to the democratic forces in Germany, Mr. Byrde continued.

On the "critical matter" of German economic revival, he said: "We cannot permit the rebuilding of the kind of economic power in Germany that could endanger the peace of Europe." The long-range goal in Germany was "a people secure against itself through a self-sustained economy and deeply rooted democratic institutions."—Reuter.

STEEL BILL

London, October 31. The House of Commons tonight cleared the decks for passage of their highly controversial bill to nationalise Britain's steel industry within the normal life of the present Parliament.

The House voted by 333 to 198 in favour of cutting from two years to one the delaying powers of the predominantly Conservative House of Lords.—Reuter.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

London, October 31.

Diplomatic officials said today that India has told Britain in a secret memorandum that France is trying to govern Indo-China against the will of the Indo-Chinese people—and is failing.

According to these informants, the memorandum says Communist and Nationalist revolutionaries are holding the French prisoners in their own towns.

The 10-page document was sent directly to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on the personal orders of the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Italian Socialists' Decision

Rome, October 31.

The Executive Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Signor Giuseppe Saragat tonight announced that it had decided to call out its members from the Italian Coalition Government of Signor Alcide De Gasperi.

This means the immediate resignation of Signor Saragat, leader of the anti-Communist Socialists, as Vice-Premier and Minister for Merchant Marine, and Signor Ivan Lombardo, Minister for Industry and Commerce.

The third Saragat Minister—Signor Roberto Tremellini, Minister without Portfolio—is in Paris. He is expected to return to Rome immediately.

A communique issued by the Socialist Unity Party said that it had decided not to take part in a unification Congress with other Socialist parties but would hold its own Congress to "save Socialism in Italy."

Signor Saragat's Socialist Unity Party won 33 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and 23 in the Senate in the elections of April 1948. They were given three posts in the predominantly Christian Democrat Government of Signor De Gasperi.—Reuter.

BARCELONA ARMED CLASH

Madrid, October 31.

Six "anarchist terrorists" and a policeman had been shot dead in an armed clash in Barcelona, it was officially announced tonight. Fifteen men have been arrested.

Among the dead "terrorists" was their alleged leader, Senor Jose Sabater, the police reported. The police statement claimed that the men were members of a band which came from France, where armed Spanish anarchists were said to have supplied them with arms and explosives.

They raided banks and other commercial establishments in Barcelona and shot dead the owner of a chemist's shop, the statement alleged.

The police added "documents" seized on the arrested men showed that they did not encounter the least opposition on the part of the French authorities in preparation for these acts of terrorism.—Reuter.

It contains a critical review of the French policy in the disordered country, stretching below China's Southern gateway.

It was handed to the British on the eve of Western power talks on the whole uneasy Far Eastern situation.

India made plain that she will not recognise the French-sponsored regime in Indo-China headed by Bao Dai. She hopes also to dissuade Britain from doing so.

To reconquer territory now under the control of the Indo-Chinese revolutionaries, France would need two to three decades and 500,000 troops or more.

Ho Chi Minh

France is estimated to have 120,000 troops in Indo-China now. The revolutionary coalition headed by Ho Chi Minh rules 80 per cent of the country. It is a coalition of Communists—said to be in the minority—and former Nationalists, all sceptical of French promises of ultimate independence.

Ho Chi Minh will accept nothing less than France's complete withdrawal from the country.

The French offered the Indo-Chinese limited independence last March through a regime headed by Bao Dai, erstwhile Emperor of Annam. They had hoped to tempt many non-Communists following Ho Chi Minh to change sides.

UN Intervention

The Indian memorandum was reported to say the move failed because the Indo-Chinese realised Bao Dai was a French puppet.

India, the memorandum concluded, hopes to be able to champion the cause of Indo-Chinese independence and would support United Nations intervention.

The informants said it explained that even though Ho Chi Minh has Communist leanings, the movement he leads is not Communist and added: "The movement which has resisted the French successfully for four years is not likely to invite either Russian or Chinese domination."—Associated Press.

Montreal, October 31.

Field Marshal Earl Wavell, former Viceroy of India, arrived here today by air for a four-weeks' visit to Canada.—Reuter.

Europe's Answer To Hoffman Plea For Freer Trade

Paris, October 31. Western Europe's "Economic Cabinet" met here tonight to draft a freer trade resolution, answering the plea of the Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, to "get together, or face disaster."

The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Van Zeeland, presided over the meeting. Present were the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, and the French Finance Minister, M. Maurice Petage.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvard A. Lange, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. Dirk U. Stikker, the Italian Minister for Economic Co-ordination, Signor Roberto Tremellini, and the Portuguese Minister for Economic Affairs, Senhor Castro Fernandes, M. Stefan Stefanovitch, the Greek Minister of Economic Co-ordination, were the only absent members of the seven-power Co-ordinating Committee.

Their resolution will be submitted to the 18-nation Co-ordinating Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation tomorrow afternoon. The basis of the resolution is a proposal by Sir Stafford Cripps

General Election In Australia

Canberra, October 31. The Australian Federal Parliament has been dissolved under a proclamation gazetted here.

December 10 is fixed as General Election day. The last General Election in Australia was held on September 28, 1946, when the Labour Party was returned. This Party has held office since October, 1941, when it took over the Administration from a shaky and divided Right-wing coalition.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Opposition and Liberal Party leader, Mr. A. G. Menzies, and the Country Party leader, Mr. A. W. Fadden, are expected to make their policy speeches about the middle of November.—Reuter.

TALKS ON ASIAN ECONOMY

New Delhi, October 31.

The conference at Lucknow today voted that the Asian Governments should promote the growth of Co-operatives by every means possible short of compulsion.

The delegates, resuming the plenary session after five days of committee meetings and field trips, adopted the resolution that the "governments' relations with Co-operative Societies should be of active helpfulness, intended to stimulate co-operative enterprise, guide it and keep it on sound lines without either attempting to compel or replace local initiative or self-help."

The conference further recommended that the Co-operatives be given top priority as a method of pumping new lifeblood into poverty-stricken areas in Asia.

The resolution said, "The Governments should promote conditions under which the Co-operatives would thrive and develop. The attention of all Government officials should be drawn to this aspect of Government policy."—United Press.

'BIG FIVE' AGREEMENT

Lake Success, October 31.

Russia, the United States, Great Britain, France and China have agreed to consult each other privately before any important decisions are taken in the Security Council.

This was disclosed in a statement issued today by the President of the Security Council, Mr. Warren Austin, of the United States, on behalf of the "Big Five." The agreement on the "principle and practice" of talking things over before taking any important Council decision is aimed at reducing the number of vetoes, which now total 41. Of these, 40 have been Russian.

The consultations, which led to the agreement, began from a General Assembly resolution of last April asking the permanent members of the Security Council to try and limit the exercise of their power of the veto.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON ANSWER IN WARD CASE

Washington, October 31.

The U.S. State Department voiced scepticism today about the charges that Chinese Communists have placed against Consul General Angus Ward and four members of his staff at Mukden, Manchuria.

They are being held for trial by a "people's court" on charges they beat a former Chinese employee of the consulate, the Department has been informed.

Press officer Michael J. McDermott told reporters, "It is difficult to understand how this incident could have occurred since Mr. Ward and the entire consulate general staff have been under strong guard ever since the Communists seized the city last November."

Communist guards have been on duty both inside and outside the two residential compounds and the consulate-general office," he added.

Meanwhile, a report is being awaited from the Consul-General, Mr. O. Edmund Chubb, at Peiping who was ordered to protest to the highest authorities available there in the capital of the new Chinese Communist regime.

"Overbearing Air"

In a broadcast heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press today, the Peiping radio confirmed that Mr. Ward and four of his staff were under arrest and said Chinese employees of the consulate had gone on strike "until justice has been meted out."

The Communist broadcast said Mr. Ward, Rehberg, Tatsunai, Y. Clogna and A. Krista were "detained by the public security bureau" but "put on an overbearing air and refused to admit what they had done."

It said, "Letters demanding the trial of the culprits are pouring to the Mukden 'North East Daily' from all parts of Manchuria."—Associated Press.

COMMIES' SECRET MOVES IN NORWAY

Oslo, October 31.

Norway today ordered a sweeping investigation of large-scale arms thefts from her military dumps amid reports that the Communist Party had established a formidable secret military organisation carrying out extensive training exercises.

An investigation through regular police channels was ordered by the Norwegian Minister of Justice, O. C. Gunderson, as Oslo newspapers hinted that the series of post-war thefts in military depots might be connected with a secret Communist military organisation.

The police denied that there had been large-scale thefts, but Mr. Gunderson announced that an investigation was being carried out to find out whether a military Communist organisation exists and how large it is. In Glavik, Central Norway, local newspapers claimed the Communists are holding military training exercises in the mountains.—United Press.

Smuggling Trial At Yokohama

Tokyo, November 1.

Seven Chinese and six Japanese faced a joint American-Chinese Military Commission in Yokohama yesterday in Japan's biggest post-war smuggling case involving US\$200,000 worth of American penicillin, woollen piece-goods, plastic material and products.

If their guilt is proven the authorities might confiscate the 7,000-ton Liberty ship owned by the Chinese Government-financed China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company. The ship, "Hai Lien" is mortgaged by the owners to the United States Government.

The Chinese Master, First Officer and Purser of the ship, which the prosecution charged was used in a daring smuggling attempt, were among the accused.

Among the Japanese was the prominent ultra-nationalist, Taku Mikami, who in 1933 was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment following the assassination of the Japanese Prime Minister Fumiyoshi Inukai.

With him was the former top-ranking political agent for the Japanese Army in Shanghai, Seisel Sakata.

The smugglers were seized by the American Military Police on August 17 while unloading contraband into two American army trucks which were, it was alleged, obtained by bribing an American army sergeant with 200,000 yen (\$2,000).

The American prosecutor, who was brought specially from Germany for the case, told AAP-Reuters: "If everything comes out this case may blow open the most sensational story of the Occupation."

The leading national newspaper, "Mainichi," with 8,500,000 circulation, in the last two days tipped that the smuggling case might touch off far-reaching exposures of two schemes: large-scale black-marketing throughout Japan of Chinese contraband goods and a highly organised plan to send a large army of Japanese mercenaries to China to fight the Chinese Communists.

The court fixed a 2,000,000 yen bail (\$20,000) for each accused. None of the accused was able to meet the bail.

The case will be continued on November 16.—Reuter.

GENERAL COLLINS SEES TRUMAN

Washington, October 31.

General J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, reported to President Truman on his recent trip to Spain.

He also reported later he had given the President a report showing the disposition of American troops in that area.—Associated Press.

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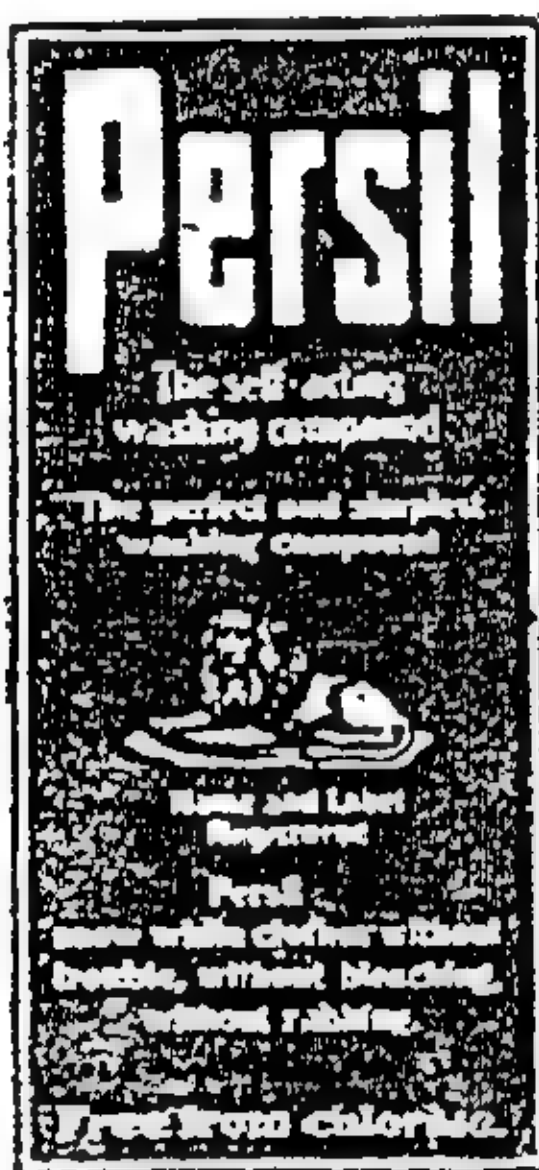
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WardrobeBy **IRIS ASHLEY**

With excitement mounting over the London presentation of "A Streetcar Named Desire", we thought you would be interested to see some of the private wardrobe of the leading lady, Vivien Leigh.

First of all, Francis Marshall and I went along to a rehearsal (prior to the Manchester opening of the play), where we watched Sir Laurence Olivier directing his beautiful, fragile-looking wife on the stage.

She was wearing the dress you see on the top right of the picture. It is a black, light-weight wool dress designed by Hardy Amies.

Miss Leigh said she practically lived in it, and, for variation, she wears different coloured scarves through that high collar, and ties them in a bow at the front.

The little hat she bought from a famous New York hat-designer, Valentina. It is a cleverly cut wool cap, and ties under the hair at the back of the neck.

Vivien Leigh has found this headgear so convenient that she has had it copied in all colours.

"My friends are sick at the sight of me in it!" she said. We don't think anybody could be sick at the sight of Miss Leigh.

Then we went back to the Oliviers' charming cage in Chelsea. You enter through a little yellow door in the wall-up a small garden path beside which pansies are growing—and another little yellow door opens to let you into their small house. (They have a lovely castle in the country as well.)

In the sketch you see Lady Olivier sitting on a dark-red sofa in her sitting-room. She is wearing an evening dress of pale-green satin made for her by Molyneux. The flowers on the dress are lily of the valley.

The picture on the wall behind her head is a drawing by Roger Furse of "Sabine", the role played by Miss Leigh in "The Skin of Our Teeth".

The other smaller sketches from Miss Leigh's personal wardrobe are new dresses just delivered to the house by designer Hardy Amies.

The evening dress is of brown tulle, embroidered with copper-coloured sequins, and with which is carried a long net stole—also embroidered—just as they used to wear in the Regency Period.

The dress with the wide revers is a neat day-time dress of brown velvet. The spotted dress is deceptive. It is really a blouse and separate skirt, made of green shot taffeta patterned with black velvet spots.

What kind of a house do the Oliviers live in? As always with decoration of good taste, it is hard to define. Outside you see a white house with pale blue-grey paintwork and window-boxes, an impression of a great many flowers.

Inside the hall-cum-dining-room has a wallpaper of little bunches of pale-green flowers on a white background. On this wall hangs a picture of their country house. It was painted by John Piper (who has just done murals for the British Embassy in Rio).

In the sitting-room, is graceful cabinet holds treasures of china and glass.

Upstairs a pale-blue bedroom with curtains of chintz and of nylon is cool-looking and most beautifully tidy. On a glass-topped dressing-table were elegant little bottles of perfume and a photograph of Laurence Olivier.

It could be anybody's house really. That is to say, anybody whose characteristics were good taste and a complete absence of ostentation of any kind.

Sketches by
FRANCIS MARSHALL

Arranging Pocket Money

By **DOROTHY
MOHR**

The very small child has little or no idea what money is for. He may on occasion demand a penny when he sees his older brothers or sisters being given money, and may like to jingle it in his pocket, but he will be just as happy to drop it into the slot of a money box if the idea is suggested to him.

From about five or six however, the child really wants money to spend. He may only want a dollar or so a week for sweets, but he wants that badly. The idea of owning money and being able to buy things from a shop makes him feel important. Other children have money to spend. He should have it, too.

It is almost certain that nearly all children will want more than their parents are prepared to give, and will also want increasing amounts as they grow older, so it is a very good idea to have fixed and standard rates of pay for varying ages.

The actual amount will depend, of course, upon the parents' ideas and finances, but certain considerations should be taken into account before the rates are fixed. Of these, how the child uses his money, his age and the amount given to his playmates are the most important.

To give a child either a great deal more or a great deal less than his friends and playmates is likely to lead to some sort of trouble. If he has too much he will find it too easy to win cheap popularity which takes no account of

what little bottles of perfume and a photograph of Laurence Olivier. It could be anybody's house really. That is to say, anybody whose characteristics were good taste and a complete absence of ostentation of any kind.

his own personality or worth; if too little he will feel inferior and at a disadvantage, and may even be tempted to steal.

Some parents, in their anxiety to be fair to all the children, feel that each member of the family should receive the same amount, but obviously a nine-year-old has more money sense, and more ideas for spending his money than a six-year-old.

What children do with their pocket money should be, in my opinion, more or less their own affair. Some of it, at least, they should be allowed to spend as they like.

At the same time it is both possible and desirable to encourage the child to use his money wisely, for instance to save for something he really wants.

If the child from eight or nine onwards is given the chance to earn extra money by being paid for odd household jobs as long as this money is put aside quite definitely for that bicycle bell or doll's house furniture, the thrill of saving soon outweighs the shorter-lived thrill of spending the lot.

If earning is allowed in the family, new difficulties often develop. The child sometimes becomes so "money mad" he demands payment for everything he is asked to do. This trouble can be overcome, I think, by having certain jobs which are regarded as routine tasks, which do not warrant payment.

What To Pay For
The child is expected, for instance, to fold his own pyjamas, clean his own shoes, or make his own bed, according to age. These things are his jobs.

If he wants extra pay he can feed the fowls each day, run messages or mow the lawn, or even collect snails.

Some children, even quite old ones, feel that all their pocket money should be spent on themselves, others would like to have a little put aside for family birthdays and Christmas. What are we to do about this?

Even a nine-year-old should be able to feel that a birthday present for mother hasn't much value if he had to go to her for the money for it.

On the other hand, especially in a large family, Christmas can be such a drain on a small allowance that the effects are felt for six months every year. This is too great a sacrifice to ask, surely?

Each family usually has some plan for fixing difficulties like this. For instance, if the children have bank accounts, a small set amount can be withdrawn, or the interest from war bonds, etc., set aside for the child can be given to them.

I feel rather strongly, by the way, that the child should not be expected to put his pocket money in the bank. Pocket money is spending money.

Another fund must be started in some way for the bank account, unless, of course, the child himself wants to save for some long-range purpose and feels that the bank is the safest place for his savings.

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From left to right are Lady Nye, wife of the British High Commissioner in India, Sir Archibald Nye; Field Marshal Sir William Slim; and the Indian Defence Minister, Baldev Singh, snapped during a dinner given for Sir William when he visited New Delhi on his way out to Hong Kong. (Associated Press Photo).

CRITICAL HOUR AT HAGUE CONFERENCE

Denfeld's Possible Successor

London, October 31. Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman is flying to Washington today, perhaps to become Chief of Naval Operations.

There have been persistent reports that Admiral Sherman, Commander of the Sixth Task Fleet in the Mediterranean, would succeed Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, who was dismissed by President Harry Truman last Thursday "for the good of the country."

Pan American Airlines officials in Brussels reported that Admiral Sherman is on board a flight bound for New York.

He left his fleet at Beirut, Lebanon, and boarded a Pan American Airliner at Damascus.

At the headquarters in London of the U.S. Naval Force of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, officials said only they knew he had been ordered to Washington.

Admiral Sherman's Task Fleet left Beirut today for Athens after a visit of several days.

Admiral Denfeld was removed from his post after he criticized present military policies before the House of Representatives, Armed Services Committee on October 13.—Associated Press.

Hungary Blames Yugoslavia For Border Incident

Budapest, October 31.

Hungary today placed the blame for last Thursday night's Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier incident on Yugoslavia, alleging that between 30 and 40 Yugoslav soldiers crossed the frontier and cut Hungarian barbed wire entanglements.

Giving Hungary's version of the incident, a Government communiqué alleged that the Yugoslav troops crossed the frontier South of Győrújszika.

Hungarian forces along the frontier opened fire, the statement added, and after considerable firing forced the withdrawal of the Yugoslav units.

No casualties were reported on either side.

While the incident was described in Belgrade as the most serious so far between the two countries, the Hungarian statement said that Hungary had considered it as only "one of a series of Yugoslav provocations" and had, therefore, not announced it.

Only after the Assistant Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Ales Bebler, had made his "dramatic announcement" in the United Nations Political Committee on October 29 had the Hungarian Government decided to make its own announcement, today's communiqué said.

M. Bebler was described in the Hungarian communiqué as "a notorious Trotskyite and provocator amply exposed in the Rajk trial." (This was the recent treason trial in Budapest of the former Hungarian Foreign Minister, M. Laszlo Rajk.)

The Hungarian statement said that the trial of Rajk had shown the Yugoslav leaders to be "imperialist agents and Gestapo spies" who intended to create frontier incidents and thus disturb the peace in Eastern Europe.

(The Yugoslav Interior Ministry alleged on October 29 that Hungarian frontier guards opened fire on a 200-yard wide stretch of Yugoslav territory with automatic weapons last Thursday night and kept it up for six hours until 3 a.m. Friday morning. Hand grenades and rockets were also used, it said, adding that Yugoslav troops did not reply to this "provocation"—Reuter.)

Indonesia Reported To Have Yielded

The Hague, October 31. Indonesian delegates decided tonight to relinquish their demand for immediate sovereignty over Dutch Guinea.

They were expected to tell a meeting of the Dutch-Indonesian round table conference Steering Committee later tonight they would accept a modified version of compromise proposal offered by the United Nations Commission on Indonesia (UNCI) providing that the Dutch retain control over New Guinea for one year.

Indonesian sources said they had yielded under "powerful UNCI pressure." —Associated Press.

CRASH OF SECRET BRITISH FIGHTER

Yeovil, October 31. A new secret British Navy fighter struck a pair of semi-detached houses today and exploded. The pilot and a child and a woman were killed.

The explosion demolished one house, killing its occupant, Mrs. W. Brown.

Ann Wilkins, aged 6, was killed as she pedalled her cycle in the street outside the house.

The pilot of the plane was Michael Graves, aged 28, assistant chief test pilot for Westland Aircraft Limited, makers of the plane, a Wyvern TF-2 turbo jet fighter. He is the son of Sir Cecil Graves, a former Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Police reported another woman was seriously burned in the blaze which followed the explosion.

A Westland official said that the plane had been in the air for about 30 minutes on a routine test flight when it dived into the two houses a short distance from the company's airfield.

The plane is powered by one of the most powerful gas turbine propeller engines in the world.—Associated Press.

First Steps To Union Of All Arab Countries

Cairo, October 31.

The proposed Arab States' collective security pact was hailed by the Syrian Foreign Minister, Nazim Kodsby Bay, here tonight as "the first step towards union between the Arab people".

Syria, he told a press conference, wanted the greatest possible military and economic union between the Arab States.

The pact, which was proposed by Egypt, is to be drafted by a committee of experts set up by the Arab League Council.

Referring to the Arab League, Kodsby Bay described its present machinery as "slow" and urged that League resolutions be binding on all seven member States.

Speaking about the United Nations Economic Survey Group, which is now trying to solve the Palestine refugee problem, Kodsby Bay declared, "Syria will not recognise any international body which attempts to meddle in Syrian economic affairs."

He added that Syria had proposed a short-term project to help the refugees who, he said, "must eventually return to their homes."

Chaudry Khaliquzzaman, President of the Pakistan Muslim League, said in London today that during his recent tour of Middle East countries he had found that there was a "general search for some method of stabilizing the Moslem States and strengthening them."

Islamistan

Khaliquzzaman, who arrived in London from Cairo last night after a six-week tour, said in an interview that he had met a number of kings, presidents, prime ministers, leading politicians and industrialists and many of them had expressed "agreement on the grouping of Middle East States."

Khaliquzzaman said that the Egyptian plan for common security measures strengthened the case for an extension of the same principle to the non-Arab States of the Middle East.

Of the idea of Islamistan (a world Moslem League), Khaliquzzaman said: "There was general appreciation in the Middle East countries of this idea, but there are different views about the means and methods that should be pursued for realizing it."

He added: "During my tour I tried to find whether there is in

WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH ARMY FROM GREECE

London, October 31.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew told the House of Commons today that the withdrawal of British troops from Greece was not forced by economic reasons.

He maintained that the cost of stationing troops in Greece, rather than elsewhere, has always been very small in comparison to the strategic importance.

"The withdrawal in no way affected the position of British naval, military and police missions in Greece," said Mr. Mayhew.

"Neither does it indicate lessening of interest in the security and well-being of the Greek people, which continue to be matters of grave concern to His Majesty's Government."

"It has always been the intention of the British Government to withdraw British forces from Greece as soon as practicable," he continued.

"Although the threat to Greek independence cannot be said to have passed, the victories of the Greek Army have brought about an improved change in the situation and His Majesty's Government have, therefore, informed the Greek Government that British troops at present stationed in Greece will be withdrawn in the near future."

Informed quarters estimated that the withdrawal would involve some 3,000 troops, although no official figures had been disclosed. A British garrison and advisory military mission went to work in Greece five years ago at the request of the Greek government.

Tory Barrage

Mr. Mayhew charged that Conservative members, who had greeted his announcement with a barrage of questions, seemed wilfully determined to misunderstand the situation.

He referred specifically to a question by one Conservative Member, who asked, "If the presence of a small British force in Greece has been regarded as an indication of our interest in the independence of that country, surely its withdrawal can only be regarded by the Cominform as an indication that we are less interested."

In reply, Mr. Mayhew repeated: "The situation has changed as a result of the Greek victories, but our interest in Greek independence remains as strong as it ever was."—United Press.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN PRICES

London, October 31.

The British Government will disclose its reaction to the removal of floor prices on Japanese exports before the House of Commons, probably next week.

A spokesman said either the Board of Trade President, Mr. Harold Wilson, or the Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. A. G. Bottomley, would reply in Commons to questions on the effects of the Tokyo action.

Two Conservative members of Commons have asked if there is danger of Japanese undercutting British export sales due to lower labor costs, and if so what the British Government plans to do about it.

The British Board of Trade, Treasury and Foreign Office have conferred on the matter since the announcement of the abolition of minimum prices for Japanese exports reached London.—Associated Press.

British Expenses In Palestine

London, October 31.

Britain paid about £25,000,000 to the Palestine Government in the 26 years of the British mandate, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew told the House of Commons today.

Mr. Mayhew said that the payments were made in accordance with the British Government's policy. It was not considered that any claim could be made for their repayment.

The British Government had so far also made available about £15 million for expenses in the winding up of the mandate. Negotiations were going on at Tel Aviv about this and other financial questions arising out of the termination of the mandate, he said.

It was not yet possible to say when these negotiations would be completed.—Reuter.

FORD REPORT

Detroit, October 31.

The annual report of the Ford Motor Company published today shows that the firm had total assets of \$1,149,240,000 at the end of last year. This figure compares with assets of \$1,025,755,000 at the end of 1947.

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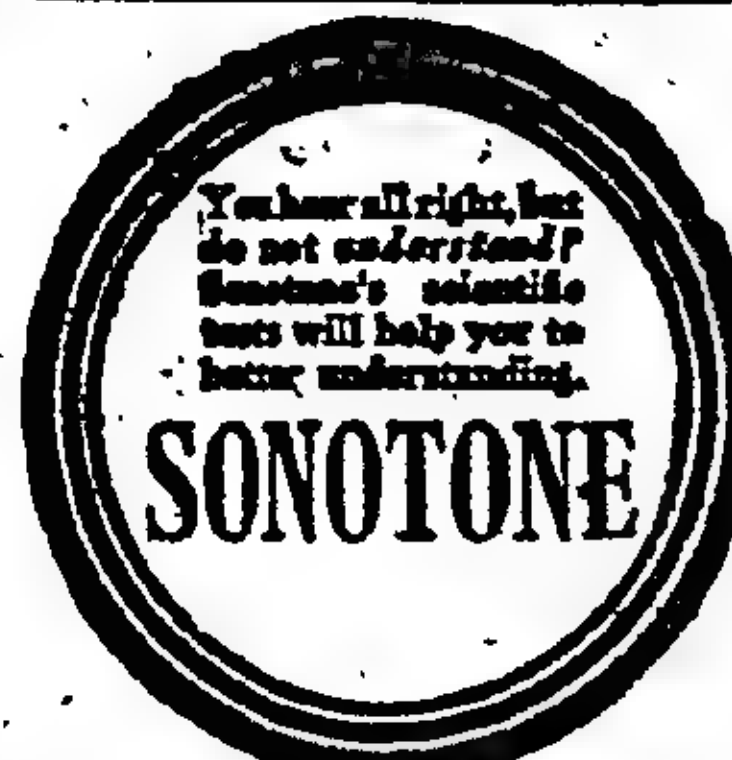
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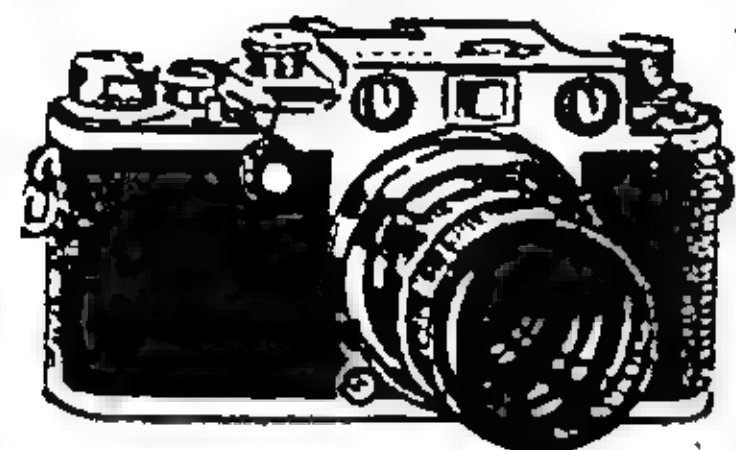
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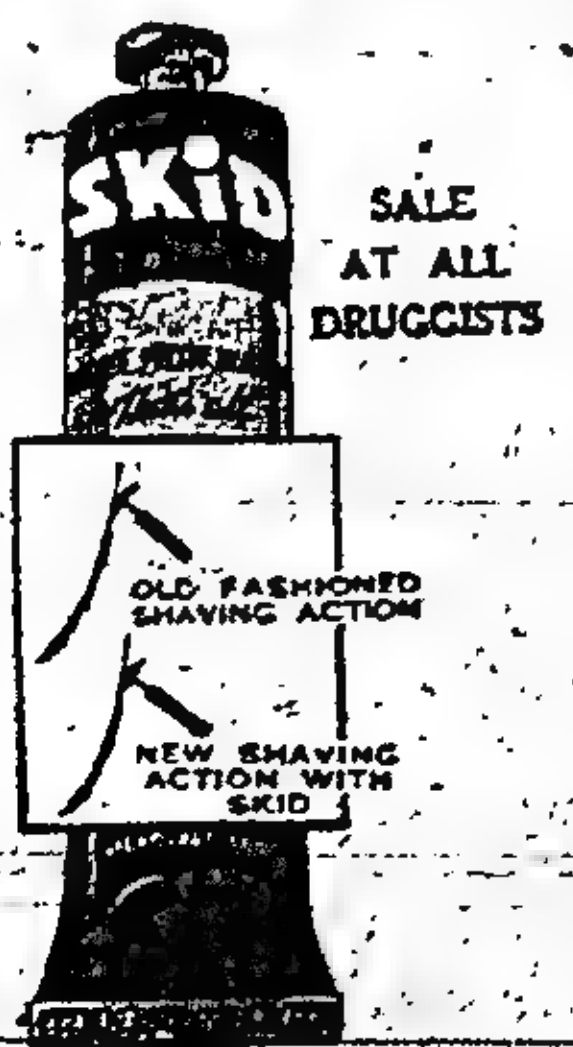
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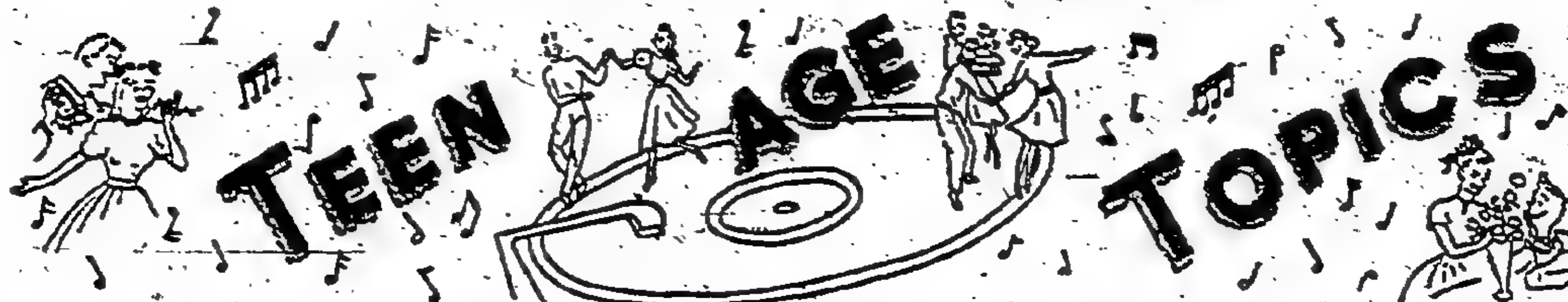
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Before I left on this globe-girdling trip, the Statue of Liberty was always a kind of landmark or post card subject for New York City, but now that I've lived outside the 48 States for almost six months, I know just how much she means to the people who must wait years for immigration papers.

Foreign countries are interesting and fun as long as you are only visiting them, and I hope that every one of you kids will make

a round-the-world-flight some day. But what a relief to be able to pick up a telephone which works, instead of sending little notes around by messenger, or waiting in line to use the one hotel telephone which specialises in wrong numbers.

Britain's Lucky Teen Ager

Eighteen-year-old Ann Hayes is Britain's luckiest teen ager.

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Anne's good luck story began when she was picked from a group of students at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art to play the young heroine in the play "Top Secret."

Recently she made her London debut at the Winter Garden Theatre. And she took her curtain calls in the lovely gown of billowy tulle and Nottingham lace, worn over crinoline hoops, that she had chosen at Hardy Amies.

Let us peep into the wardrobe and see what this ideally-dressed teen ager wears. She has three dresses for the play, all chosen during the exciting afternoon when she saw her first couturier collection.

There is a nautical air about the pink linen dress in which she makes her first entrance. It has big, "semi-detached" revers and half-moon pockets embroidered in white and made gay with bouncing bobbles.

The skirt is full, as all teen agers prefer, and with it she wears one of the latest "star-board" dip hats in white felt.

Her other day dress is made in cerise jersey, a teen age style in a material which is enjoying immense vogue with smart women of all ages.

It drapes beautifully, and the one that Anne picked has a full-gathered skirt. The lowcut bodice is intricately looped.

In all her dresses Anne achieves the smart teen ager's ideal—she looks her age, no more and no less, and she looks very attractive.

And my nice, clean and comfortable bed at home is heaven as compared to the ironing board I had in Shanghai or the bed bug-infested sack in Warsaw. Why it's amazing! In America all you do is pull a switch and you have bright electric light. In some countries I was obliged to type my column by candle light.

Hurrah for modern plumbing, too! As I soak in my glistening white bath tub, I think of the time I felt even dirtier after I sponge-bathed in a public fountain in India where women were also doing their laundry and cleaning pots and pans. Food? At least American tourists seldom starve because you can usually afford decent meals all over the world... but it's difficult to enjoy them when you know the others are living on rice or potatoes... that is, the ones who are well fed!

I used to dream of our corner drug store items like orange juice, hamburgers, milk shakes, chocolate bars and chewing gum. And even a glass of cold water from the tap is taboo in most countries! In Berlin when my clothes were shot, I whipped up a number from four yards of curried material... yeses... The USA is the only place in the world where fashions are available for everybody!

And let's get back to the lady with the torch... If you had to go through customs and immigration six times in two days as I did in the Middle East, you'd appreciate how you can drive from Maine to Texas without as much as speaking to a cop. If you drive carefully, that is!

Peace? It's wonderful! In passing through five war zones, I asked kids in China, India, Siam, Egypt and Greece why their countries were fighting, and the usual reply was, "I don't know... we're just always fighting!"

And what a relief not to have to speak in whispers, dodge secret police, or hide my copy under the mattress as I did in the Iron Curtain countries! Yes... the Statue of Liberty is a beautiful doll, and I'm sure that those millions of people who have come to America in search of freedom will also carry the torch for her!



Platter Chatter

Continuing last week's review of the new discs I recommend both Kay Starr (Capitol) and Tony Pastor's (Columbia) versions of Your Lips Tell Me No, No, No. But there's Yes, Yes, Yes, in Your Eyes. This old tune has made a remarkable comeback after 15 years to join the exclusive circle of Hit Paraders.

Kay's version is taken at a faster clip, while Pastor's is well orchestrated and backed by a cute number, Baby Talk. Tony first attracted attention as vocalist for Artie Shaw's band, with his renditions of Rosalie and Indian Love Call. He also played tenor in the famous Shaw sax section.

Frankie Carle and his Sunrise Serenaders (Columbia) have done a fine revival of The Little Old Church Near Leicester Square with Marjorie Hughes in top form and Carle tinkling facetiously. Supporting side is Sautie Sainte Marie sung by Bob Lochen.

Two times from Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate are worthy of mention. They are Bianca and Always True to You in My Fashion by the Page Cavanaugh Trio (Victor). This trio was featured in the film A Song Is Born where they played Daddy-O to the singing of Iris Sullivan and Virginia Mayo's gesticulations. Eve Young sings with them on Always True.

Duke Ellington (Columbia) has come up with two more good sides, Take Love Easy and I Can Get A Man (But the Man I Want Is Got). Dolores Parks sings

well on both sides. A good loud raspberry to the arranger of Everything Happens to Me and The Way You Look Tonight on which June Christy's talents are wasted. Mayhem in the name of pop is committed on two innocent oldies. The record is pretentiously labelled with the name of the "Conductor" and every sideman from the lead sax to the conga drum spanker.

Jerome Kern's lovely The Way You Look Tonight is unsuitable material for pop but is bopped out of countenance.

On the other side Everything Happens but not for the good of modern music. Make no mistake about June's ability. She is a capable singer as evidenced by her Ship Rope and Lonely Woman (the latter made with Stan Kenton) but talent here is wasted in the name of the new idol Bop.

The Wren.

Pen Friends Wanted

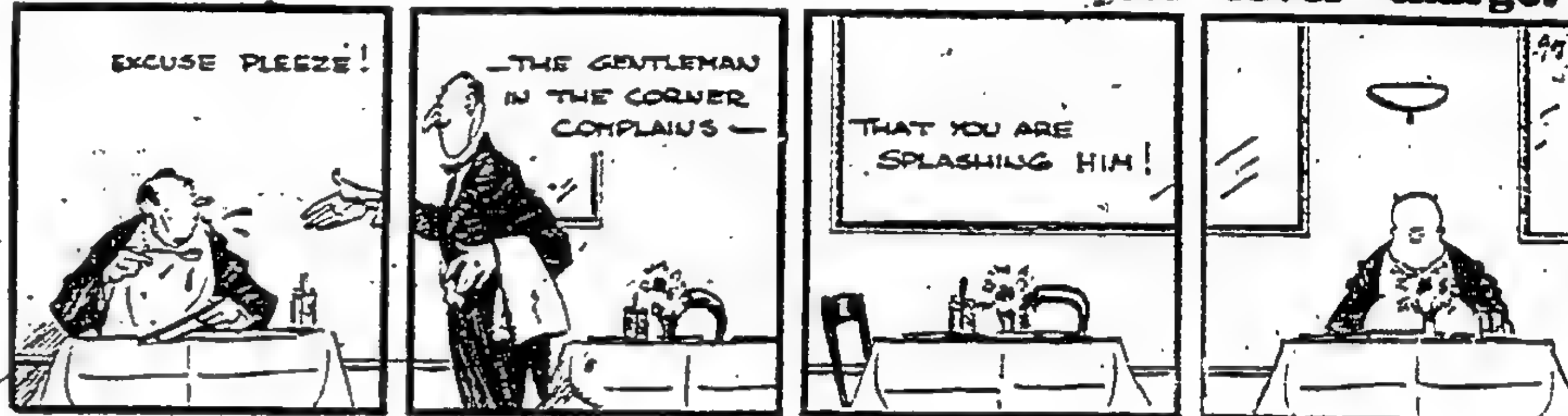
From the United States came a letter addressed to the Topics requesting for Hong Kong pen friends.

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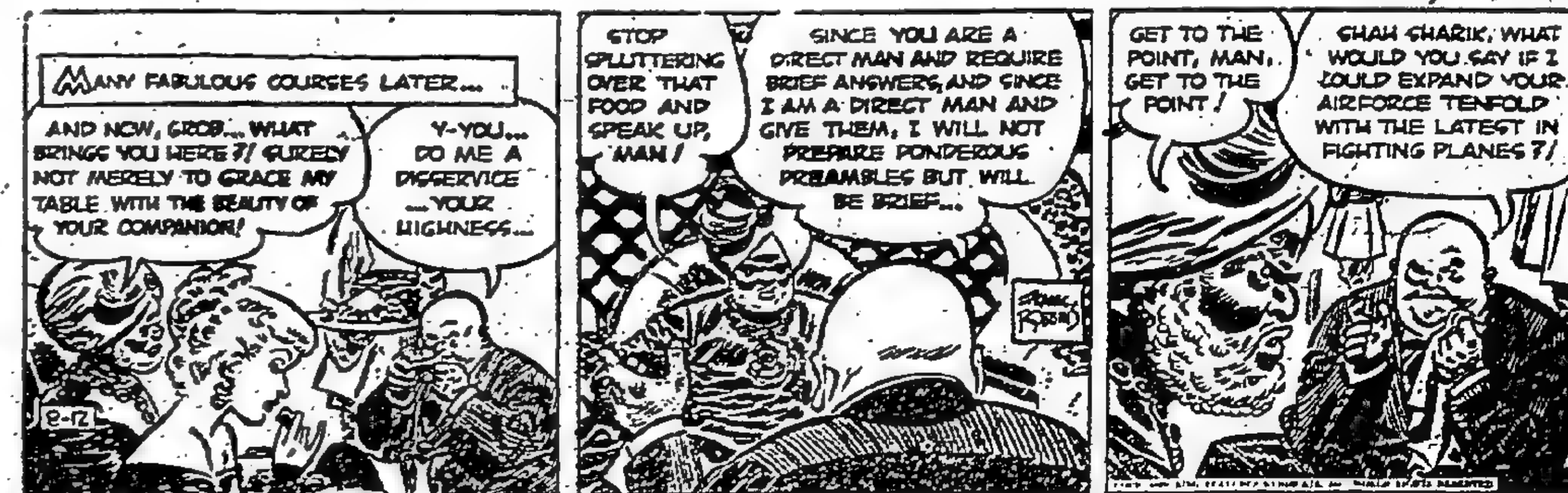
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

U.S. AID TO EASTERN NATIONS A SHORT CUT TO PROGRESS

Cleveland, October 31.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that President Harry Truman's four point programme of aid for underdeveloped countries offers those countries a sound alternative to the "spurious promises" of Communism.

Addressing a meeting of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, he said that the U.S. can help the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America to "take a short cut to progress that will enable them to bypass centuries of laborious effort."

The provision of American technical skill for both factory and farm would make this possible.

The plan gets its name from the fact that it was the fourth point of foreign policy in Mr. Truman's message to Congress last January. The Administration wants the legislation passed by Congress next session.

Mr. Acheson said that any idea that "steel mills will spring up in the wilderness or billions of dollars will be handed out in sheer nonsense" but under the programme "comparatively small sums applied through sound projects can produce great returns."

He cited the fact that U.S. technicians are already helping many nations to improve production, agriculture and industry, to conquer disease, build roads and schools and apply modern techniques in government.

Spurious Promises

Mr. Acheson said, "In the great debate now going on in the world the Communists talk of organising great masses of people in five year plans to carry out elaborate economic programmes. They say this is the way for people to get more of the necessities of life."

"They promise hungry, distressed people food and material comforts, if only they accept slavery to the State in return."

"And 19, people have always been miserable, who have

AMERICA AS TRADE CENTRE

New York, October 31. North America must replace Europe as the centre of world trade, Mr. Donald Gordon, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, declared here today. The United States would have to assume the role of furnishing a ready import market for the goods of other nations, he told the National Foreign Trade Convention.

North America must also supply development capital for less advanced regions, he said. Experience had shown that a multilateral world had to be underwritten by some countries. Britain and the European countries had done that up to 1941. Now they did not have the strength to continue, Mr. Gordon declared.—Reuter.

NY COTTON

New York, October 31. Cotton futures were higher at the close after an early irregularity. Cotton closed 45 cents to \$1.15 a bale higher.
December 29.97-98.
March 29.97-98.
May 29.92.
July 29.86.
October 29.83-14.
December 29.87.
Middling Spot 30.57 nominal.
—Associated Press.

ERP GRANTS

Washington, October 31. Five countries and Western Germany today were granted \$11,747,000 of new Marshall plan funds to buy various recovery commodities.
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Washington, October 31. British, Canadian and United States officials and trade experts today began a "Customs conference" here to remove barriers on the sale of British and Canadian goods in the United States.

The conference is the result of the dollar talks between the three countries here last month.

The British delegation spokesman said that they would consider suggestions (1) for changes in United States Customs procedures which could be made at the administrative level immediately; and (2) for changes in United States Customs law which would be submitted to Congress by its 1950 session.—Reuter.

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Poppy Day Soccer Game Fiasco Averted

(By "ROVER")

Fears which were at one time entertained that the annual Poppy Day Charity soccer match between the United Services and the Rest of the Colony would turn out to be a fiasco as a result of the withdrawal of certain "star" players from the Rest XI, have now been dispelled.

The players who at one time threatened to withdraw, although selected, have now been prevailed upon by their respective Clubs, particularly in view of the fact that the game is being played for a most deserving cause, to change their attitude.

The whole trouble arose over the appointment, by the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association on Friday last, of Mr. Mok Hing as manager of the Rest of the Colony XI.

In a letter to the Hong Kong Football Association, the K. C. C. Sports Club, the Kowloon Motor Bus Club and St. Joseph's Football Club, refer to the dissatisfaction expressed by their respective selected playing members over the appointment of Mr. Mok Hing.

The players, the letter states, feel highly honoured in being selected to represent the Rest of the Colony, but consider that the appointment of Mr. Mok Hing as manager to be unacceptable to them.

Objections Justified

The Clubs concerned state that after having all information in the matter laid before them and after having fully explored the question from every angle, they feel that the objections of their respective playing members are justified.

The Clubs further state that in view of the fact that the Poppy Day match is played for a most deserving cause, they had decided to persuade their respective playing members to change their attitude, notwithstanding the justification of their objections.

In order to obtain the consent of their players, however, the Clubs in question had given their undertaking to inform the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association regarding the objections of their respective playing members to the appointment of Mr. Mok Hing as manager of the Rest of the Colony.

The different Clubs concerned had also undertaken to request the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association to consider the feelings of their respective playing members in the future appointment of a manager of a team in which any of them may be involved.

KCC Cricket Line-Ups

The following have been chosen to represent KCC against the Hong Kong University in a First Division cricket league match to be played on Saturday, at 1.45 p.m. at the KCC ground:

R. E. Lee, E. C. Finch, W. M. Davidson, W. H. Collidge, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, H. Steptoe, N. Hart-Baker, J. Leriou, C. P. Smith, J. A. Sellers.

Twelfth man: Fali Kennani.

The following, meanwhile, will represent KCC against the University's second team in a league match to be played at the HKU ground, Pokfulam:

C. J. Smith, V. C. Bond, A. T. Lee, A. A. Macfar, D. G. White, D. Langston-Jones, J. R. Lake, E. Guest, F. A. Broadbridge, V. C. Seymour, E. Randall.

Twelfth man: G. R. Rossettel.

Members of the second team are requested to meet at the Hong Kong Star Ferry at 1.30 p.m.

Commonwealth XI In Strong Position

Patalia, October 31. North Zone were all out for 168 here today in reply to the Commonwealth cricket team's first innings score of 613 for seven declared.

Following on, they had scored 17 for no wicket when stumps were drawn on the third day of the four-day match, Lakshmi Chaud, with 55 not out, was their top scorer.

Frank Worrell, the West Indian Test player, was the most successful Commonwealth bowler with three wickets for 11 runs in 14.3 overs, five of which were maidens. Ray Smith, the English all-rounder, and Jack Pottinger, the New South Wales spin bowler, also claimed three wickets each, for 52 runs and 68 runs respectively.

On Offensive. Faced with the Commonwealth's huge total, the North Zone batsmen were on the offensive throughout the day. Mainly because of Chand's stolid innings, they kept their opponents in the field for five hours. Lala Amarnath, the Indian Test player, batted in spite of an injured foot, and was not out for five runs.

The North Zone skipper, the Maharaja of Patalia, was out before scoring the victim of a running catch by Ray Smith off his own bowling.—Reuter.

RAF CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the Royal Air Force Hong Kong 1st XI in a league cricket match versus the Royal Navy at Kai Tak on Saturday, November 5:

S/Ldr. Gall (Captain), W/Cdr. Panton, P/O. Gambrell, F/Lt. Ball, F/Lt. Vanghan, Sgt. Dunn, Sgt. Moorhouse, AC. West, AC. Tyrer, P/Lt. Cunningham, P/Lt. Baker.

The following will represent the Royal Air Force Hong Kong 2nd XI in a league match versus the Royal Navy at King's Park on Saturday, November 5:

F/Lt. Holmes, F/Lt. Marshall, Sgt. Parke, P/Sgt. Gascoigne, W/O. Scott, F/Lt. Taylor, Sgt. Davernport, Sgt. Onellin, Cpl. Hurst, AC. Follett, AC. England.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB XI

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in a cricket match against the Combined Services on Monday, November 7, at 11 a.m.

T. A. Pearce (Captain), L. F. Stokes, O. J. Kerr, N. R. Oliver, L. D. Kilbee, A. F. Weller, R. G. Craig, H. M. Newton, F. Howorth, T. P. Mahon, R. J. Coll and W. L. Howard 12th man, P. S. Purry (Scorer), W. Tingle (Umpire).

Women Jockeys Show 'Em How



Thirteen women riders brought their mounts to the starting gate for the Newmarket Town Plate at Newmarket on October 13. The Plate was won by Sybil Lambton on Prince Peridarchus. Sybil poses with Prince Peridarchus after the race. Associated Press Photo.

Russia's Place in Athletics

By HAROLD ABRAHAMS

Though Russia has joined the International Amateur Athletic Federation and, indeed, has been awarded a place on the Council of that body, no Russian athletes took part in the 1948 Olympic Games, and no one knows whether they will be present at Brussels next August, when the fourth European Championships are held.

I sincerely hope they will, for as the recent Russian Championships and other results show, they have a number of very fine athletes.

This should occasion no surprise. Russia is not a country, it is a Continent; and if Russian athletes took their athletics seriously as for example, the Americans, they would soon feature extensively on the list of world records.

So far as the men are concerned, they have relatively few outstanding performers on the track, though they have one very fine hurdler, Boulantchik, whose 142 sec. heads the list to best European performance this year.

One can imagine what excitement a race between this hurdler and, say, Donald Finlay would produce at the White City.

Boulantchik has also done 52.9 sec. for 440 yards hurdles, while another hurdler, Lunjev, is credited with 52.7 sec., the best in Europe this year. A third Russian, Litujev, has done 53.1 sec.

In field events we find a hammer thrower, Kanaki, reaching 102 ft. 2 1/2 in., which is better than the winning distance in the 1948 Games, two weight putters, Lipp and Gorjanov, each over 52 ft. and three pole vaulters reaching 13 ft. 8 1/2 in. The javelin was won at over 220 ft. and the hop, step and jump at 48 ft. 6 in.

Record Walk

Two Russian steeplechasers approached Olympic class, and perhaps most interesting of all is the report that a Russian named Liepaskalus beat the world record for the 50 km. (31 1/4 miles) walk in 4 hr. 32 min. 0.6 sec.

The world record is 4 hr. 34 min. 4.0 sec., but when Harold Whitlock won the Olympic event in 1936 he did 4 hr. 30 min. 21.4 sec., a time not recognised in the world list, which acknowledges only performances on the track.

Whether the Russian style of walking would meet with commendation from English judges it is impossible to say.

There is no athletic event which excites more doubt in the minds of the uninitiated than walking.

The USSR also claim at least three decathlon performers who have exceeded 7,000 points. Lipp, the champion, has scored 7,780—within 20 points of the world record.

Thus if the Russians competed at Brussels they should win two or three titles.

Best In The World

In the weight, discus and javelin for women, the Russians are the best in Europe, and that means the best in the world.

Dumbadze has thrown the discus 171 ft.—nearly 25 ft. farther than anyone else—and Shumitzkaja the javelin 175 ft.—more than 20 ft. farther than a fellow Russian.

I cannot help hoping that we might one day persuade Russian athletes of both sexes to engage in a match against Britain. This would assuredly be an occasion for saying "Ring up the curtain."

AUSSIES' GAME WITH NATAL ENDS IN DRAW

Durban, October 31. The match between the Australian cricket tourists and Natal ended here today in a draw. The tourists today declared their second innings closed at 280 for two. They had scored 275 in their first innings, Natal replying with 144. Natal were 218 for five wickets in their second innings when play ended.—Reuter.

RESULTS OF TENNIS GAMES

Mr. K. H. Ip and Mrs. Ip beat Mr. Tsui Wai-pui and Mrs. Linton, 6-10, 6-4, 6-1, in a tennis Mixed Doubles Final played at the Ladies Recreation Club yesterday.

Mr. M. Heenan and Mr. W. J. D. Cooper won the Club's Men's Doubles Final by beating Mr. J. D. Mackie and Mr. E. Nolan in two sets.

In the Inter-Hong Final, Mr. F. P. Orr and Mr. J. J. Remedios (RACG) beat their opponents Mr. D. Fitzroy-Williams and L. Goldmann by 6-3 and 6-2.

HK LAWN BOWLS SEASON TO END THIS SUNDAY

(By "RAMBLER")

The Hong Kong Lawn Bowls season, which has been a most successful one, will end officially on Sunday, November 6, when the last of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association competitions, the Aitkenhead Shield Competition between Hong Kong and Kowloon will be played.

At the conclusion of the match, prizes won during the season will be distributed by Mrs. J. McKelvie, wife of the President of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association.

Last year, only 12 rinks took part in the Competition, but this season, with a Third Division League in operation, the Committee of the Lawn Bowls Association decided to increase the number of rinks to 18.

Six rinks from each of the three Divisions of the League will be playing against each other and a very interesting game should be seen.

The game will start at 2.30 p.m. sharp and all participating players

are requested to be at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 2 p.m.

The following is the draw for the Aitkenhead Shield:—
HONG KONG v KOWLOON
Rink 1: W. Stonehouse, F. A. Goldin, J. P. Lunny and G. Ryder (skip) v W. Chambers, T. Wren, S. E. Sousa and J. J. Basto (skip).
Rink 2: W. E. MacFarlane, A. N. O'Neil, R. C. Butler and V. Bonch (skip) v E. S. Baker, F. H. Howarth, A. Bailey and T. J. Hemmley (skip).
Rink 3: R. S. Rosen, J. Scott, J. Grant and Dr. G. I. Shaw (skip) v W. Baker, C. I. Stapleton, J. Tibble and Geo. Lee (skip).
Rink 4: O. R. Sadick, R. V. Grindley, R. Paddenden and C. Pope (skip) v W. Byrne, C. E. Terry, A. McInnes and W. Conner (skip).
Rink 5: W. C. Higgs, L. W. Brown, A. W. Hircok and J. MacO'Neil (skip) v H. Triggs, W. Stronach, R. H. Browne and A. Campbell (skip).
Rink 6: J. Russell, G. Davies, G. Willerton and T. Pilkington (skip) v G. A. Pima, F. H. Carvalho, L. R. Rozario and D. C. Alves (skip).
Rink 7: J. S. Howell, C. Patterson, M. N. Rakusen and N. J. Bebbington (skip) v A. Y. Lee, H. Hsu, D. A. Rozario and A. A. Lopes (skip).
Rink 8: D. Phillips, A. Graham, E. R. Mitchell and W. Williamson (skip) v E. M. V. Ribeiro, P. A. Costa, A. V. Gossano and N. Beltrame (skip).
Rink 9: J. Rowan, R. B. Marshall, W. G. McKie and J. C. Chalmers (skip) v J. A. L. Pearson, L. S. Castro, W. V. Field and T. Lock (skip).
Rink 10: D. M. A. Razack, M. A. Wahab, Sr., A. R. Rahman and M. Y. Adal (skip) v P. Hughes, J. Crighton, T. E. Baker and F. E. Skinner (skip).
Rink 11: J. W. Hayward, E. S. Frank, A. M. Bumjahn and J. H. Kinniburgh (skip) v C. R. Rossettel, H. A. Lammert, V. H. Chittenden and L. A. Collyer (skip).
Rink 12: Francis Lee, P. K. Lau, J. H. Xavier and A. J. Coelho (skip) v H. Gittins, W. C. Ogley, R. S. Capell and E. M. Alarcon (skip).
Rink 13: K. M. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, K. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (skip) v G. A. Guterres, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier and C. C. Pereira (skip).
Rink 14: A. H. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn, A. A. Razack and J. S. Landolt (skip) v W. Marshall, W. McMaster, W. Butterworth and J. Oram (skip).
Rink 15: M. L. Razack, J. Hoosen, A. E. Minu and U. A. Rumjahn (skip) v C. Thompson, W. Hong Sling, C. A. Madar and C. S. Rossettel (skip).
Rink 16: H. Brown, M. Saul, J. Bradley and J. M. Forrest (skip) v E. A. Atkins, A. L. G. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and J. McKelvie (skip).
Rink 17: M. B. Hassan, A. M. Wahab, A. M. Omar and A. E. Minu (skip) v W. Rife, A. E. Elliott, A. J. Hall and L. Sykes (skip).
Rink 18: W. J. Howard, J. W. Leonard, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip) v M. A. Baptista, A. P. Pereira, A. M. Souza and J. A. Luz (skip).

RULES OF SNOOKER

The Rule Book issued under authority of the Billiards Association and Control Council and bearing the date 1946-47, has not been amended in any way, according to Mr. John G. Bisset, Chairman of the Association and Council.

Mr. Bisset, who will be only too pleased to advise on any point in connection with the rules of Snooker, the answers to certain questions which are the cause of much argument among Snooker fans.

Question:—Must the pyramid be broken in the opening stroke of a game?
Answer:—If a player misses the pyramid at the first stroke of the game there is a minimum penalty of four points.

Question:—Is the "jump shot" still permitted?
Answer:—The jump shot is legitimate, the stroke, however, must be done properly. Many Billiard Rooms make a local rule prohibiting this stroke as it is inclined to damage the cloth.

Question:—If a player is snookered after a foul stroke and misses the nominated ball but strikes the ball ON, is he penalised?
Answer:—In all cases the ball nominated must be struck first.

Question:—If a player is "angled" after a foul stroke in such a way that the angle of the cushion prevents a stroke being made in a straight line to ANY PART of the ball ON does he have a free ball?
Answer:—If a player is angled he is not snookered but "angled". He has then the privilege of playing from hand and, if he cannot hit the ball ON from the D, he can claim a free ball. It has to be remembered, however, that there may be another red ball on which he is snookered in which case the player should have an option of a free ball or playing from hand.

Question:—If a player, nominating a free ball on being snookered after a foul, snookers his opponent with some other ball and the nominated ball does the opponent have a free ball?
Answer:—It is the first snooker in ball that counts.

Question:—Volunteer Snooker. If a player is snookered must he play the ball ON or can he volunteer.
Answer:—When a player is legitimately snookered he cannot volunteer. To do otherwise would be to destroy the essence of the game, i.e. Snooker.

JOHNNY LEACH WINS TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Stockholm, October 31. Johnny Leach, of Britain, the world table tennis champion, tonight beat Michel Haguenauer, of France, 21-11, 21-18, 14-21, 21-13 in the final of the singles event in an international table tennis tournament here.

In the semi-finals Leach beat Michel Landsky, of France, by 21-25, 21-14 and 21-11, and Haguenauer beat Ron Crayton, of Britain, by 21-10, 21-7 and 21-10.

The semi-finals served a dual purpose in giving England a 2-2 victory over France in the final of an unofficial contest among the four nations. Sweden and the United States were eliminated yesterday when play began.

Today Britain held a 2-1 lead over France, having won one of the singles and the doubles last night.—Reuter.

London, October 31. In a Rugby Union match played today at St. Bart's Hospital, Redruth by three points to zero.—Reuter.

Jack Gardner Outpoints Stefan Olek

Leicester, October 31.

An attractive boxing card at the Granby Halls, Leicester, tonight saw Jack Gardner, the British heavyweight hope, Roy Wouters, the Canadian cowboy boxer, and Billy Coloulias, of New Zealand, among the winners.

Gardner outpointed Stefan Olek, of France, in an eight-rounds heavy-weight contest but many of the 90,000 spectators were of the opinion that the Frenchman had won and voiced their disapproval of the decision.

Wouters, deputising for Britain's Vince Hawkins, who is indisposed, beat Bob Murphy, of New Zealand, in a middleweight bout scheduled for eight rounds, the New Zealander being disqualified in Round 8.

Coloulias also won an eight-rounds middleweight fight, outpointing Al Hollister, of London, although here again the crowd disagreed with the verdict in no uncertain manner after a strong finish by Hollister.

Wouters won on the floor holding his stomach when he was awarded his fight on a disqualification after Murphy, a former Empire middleweight champion, had been warned to keep his punches up.—Reuter.

Italian Wins

Paris, October 31.

Tiberio Mitri, of Italy, the European middleweight champion, beat Gilbert Stock, brother of Jean Stock, the French middleweight champion, on points in a 10-rounds contest at the Palais des Sports here tonight.

Mitri, who had a weight advantage of five pounds, won eight of the 10 rounds. One was even and one went to Stock.

In a welterweight contest Charles Ruzer, of France, beat the Dutch champion, Giel de Roode, on points. A minute's silence in memory of Marcel Cerdan was observed just before the Mitri-Stock fight.—Reuter.

Ike Williams To Defend Title

Philadelphia, October 31.

The world lightweight champion, Ike Williams, will defend his title against Freddy Dawson of Chicago at Convention Hall on November 28, promoter Phil Glassman announced today.

The 16-round bout will be the third meeting two with the most title purse of \$154,000 held up pending a return fight with Marcel Cerdan, who was killed in an airplane crash last week.

The Michigan Boxing Commission, Floyd Stevens, instructed Aba Greene, National Boxing Association President, to surrender the purse to Lamotta immediately.

Before starting his championship shot at Cerdan, Lamotta had to agree that in the event he defeated the Frenchman his earnings would be held in escrow until he gave Cerdan a re-match. The meeting was set for December 2 and was to begin training when he was killed.—United Press.

Lamotta Authorised To Collect Purse

Detroit, October 31.

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NEW RECORDS ESTABLISHED BY BRITISH MOTORIST

Paris, October 31.

World records for the 50 miles and the 100 kilometres (62 miles) were set up today by the British racing motorist, Geoffrey Crossley, in a one-and-a-half litre Alta on the Montlhery track.

Crossley covered the 50 miles in 24 mins. 6.84 secs. at an average speed of 124.40 miles per hour, and the 100 kilometres in 30 mins. 1.46 secs at 124.17 miles per hour.

The previous records, established by E. A. Eldridge in an American Miller car at Montlhery in 1926, were 121.88 and 122.46 miles per hour respectively.

Crossley has thus broken three world records in three days. He established a new standing start record for the 50 kilometres on Saturday.—Reuter.

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